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Language Skills	Punctuation/Grammar/ Sentence Formation/Spellings	25		
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Language				
Handwriting				
Pre-writing				

Very Good	Good	Average
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SECTION - A

1. We need greater environmental awareness and sustainable development in the face of climate change and ecocide.

हमें जलवायु परिवर्तन और प्राकृतिक विच्छेदन के सामने अधिक पर्यावरण जागरूकता और सतत विकास की आवश्यकता है।

2. A moral system valid for all is basically immoral.

सभी के लिए मान्य एक नैतिक प्रणाली मूलतः अनैतिक है।

3. The pursuit of knowledge leads to the discovery of truth.

ज्ञान की खोज सत्य की खोज की ओर ले जाती है।

4. Less is more and small is beautiful: the new mantra for world peace

अल्प अधिक है और छोटा सुंदर है : विश्व शांति के लिए नया मंत्र

2. A moral system valid for all is
basically immoral.

The big brother was omnipresent and omnipotent. What you say, what you do and even what you think is not out of bounds for big brother. Everyone has to obey and celebrate him and no one can dare question any 'fact' he has stated. If someone does that, they will be taken to 'thought' ministry

and retrained to live in society.
This ominous situation described
in George Orwell's "1984" shows the
problems of a totalitarian system
enforcing a set of morals from above.

Such moral systems
are those principles that determines
what is right or wrong in a given
situation. A universal moral system
that determines right/wrong for
everyone tends to be impartial.

In this essay,
we will probe why a universally
moral system is impartial, what other
alternative scenarios look like and
where our world is heading today.

Beginning with
the formation of moral system itself,
the desire for a universal moral
system is natural. Somehow humans

are obsessed with 'one' system governing everything. This desire is the basis of all the metaethical debates in philosophy. It drives one to be on path of quest for truth. Hegel stated that this desire of constant search for truth leads to dialectics of ideas, increasing human's potential.

It is this desire that is driving today's science in search for universal theory. However when it comes to ethics, morality, the objectivity of science takes backseat. The question begins of who decides morality?

The answer to the above question, decides who holds power in society. Historically, religion, has been the source of moral systems. In west, church decided everything.

But as Shakespeare ~~was~~ said -
"Power corrupts, absolute power
corrupts absolutely", church became
absolutely corrupt. so the institute
that was supposed to enforce a
universal moral system became
immoral itself.

Further, the desire to
spread its power, lead to its clash
with other religions. Crusade wars
between Christianity and Islam are
manifestations of the same. so to
arise and to establish a universal
system, use of force, became necessary.

Similarly in
India, moral system was decided
based on principles of dharma, karma,
etc. Though with its positives, these
theories also justified caste system.

Thus the immoral justification of past life sins leading to current misery and thus no salvation from the misery, except doing your dharma (which is determined by your caste) of say, manual scavenging, has perpetuated exploitation of Dalits.

Having seen the establishment of a moral system is full of immorality, lets explore what happens once such system is established.

Firstly, such a system wont be able to cater to needs of all ~~so~~ world is characterised by diversity. The different race, gender, culture, economy, etc. leads to different mindsets, needs, thought processes of people. Enforcing one system is bound to dissatisfy many.

This was seen in how neo-liberal IMF conditionalities ~~are~~ which is a moral system in itself (determining what is right or wrong in economics) - is unable to help many countries of global south like Sri Lanka, The specific needs of Sri Lanka are not looked into, but a universal medicine is pumped in.

secondly, the context of a moral situation is lost in a universal system. for instance, there is a moral saying - everyone should be treated equally. However applying it to say, a pregnant prisoner ~~should~~ and giving her rigorous punishment would lead to threat on life of unborn child - which is immoral in itself. Thus contexts help set the frame of morality.

Thirdly, a universal moral system choose one set of principles often decided by elites & powerful and rejects the other set. This was pointed out by Carol Gilligan she found that many moral dilemmas are looked only from perspective of ethics of justice. However, women who have to take care of family, make sure everyone gets along well and none is unduly punished, have ethics of care as well. This can be seen in everyday cases of girls choosing to go by their families decision in husband. Their ethics of care for family triumphs the ethics of justice which may state that they should fulfill their promise to lover and fight against bounds of caste, religion, etc.

Fourthly, a universal system puts a curb on innovation and comes in way of search for truth. Because if anything comes up that counters the narrative set by the moral principles, the entire structure crumbles. This was evident in dark ages, where scientists like Copernicus had to suffer for their search for truth, and counting the narrative of earth being centre of universe.

Fifthly, the system also curbs expression of self. Even in this hyper-individualist society, with moral system that protects the freedom of individual, expression

of self, freedom of speech, etc gets curbed. This is evident in present cancel culture. The freedom of some individuals to identify themselves as any gender, any pronoun, anything, etc. has ~~to~~ been taken to absurd levels. Recently, in Japan there was a person who identified and transformed himself as a dog. To question such absurdities lead to cancelling of that person, curbing their freedom of speech.

Having seen why universal moral systems when played out become immoral, lets see ~~how~~ what happens when it crumbles and what other alternatives are present.

Firstly, there are vested interests in preventing the system from crumbling. They will

use coercion to maintain their moral system. In former USSR, Stalin used gulags, red purges, famines, etc. to maintain ideology of Marxism. Despite all this the system did cumple.

This eventuality is true in all moral systems given the inherent contradictions present in them. But even if it does, there is a complete mayhem that follows. Arab Spring saw the same when the totalitarian regimes crumbled, quest for power by different sections led to more ~~the~~ chaos and civil wars.

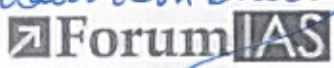
on a more ethical level, psychologist Jordan Peterson states that it is due to decline of religion that one sees

degradation of ~~family structures~~ ^{unity} in west. Now that people don't have Jesus to cling on to, they are clinging to any strong powerful ideas they find around. Thus there is increasing polarisation - left vs right, politicisation of every issue (even masks during COVID), rising divorces, etc.

An alternative is peaceful coexistence of different moral systems. This was seen in ~~ancient~~ India, where Shad Darshanas i.e. 6 different philosophies coexisted and flourished together. This is also seen in debates say in Anubhava Mantap of Basaveshwar. With globalisation, we are seeing different moral systems churning together leading to a beautiful symphony of coexistence & learning.

A moral sys valid for ...

diversity key.
context, postm-relativism ethical.
force-coercion.



religion - ~~strict~~ - who decide morality
law - contexts
diversity not cater to all.

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not universal theory poss.
metaphysics.

how arise - religion fight
democracy - coups.

some universal - love peace.] -> aim

Marx.

- what if that moral sys crumbles.

- lib - liberal theory - IMF conditionalities

- cancel culture.

globalisation forces universal principle
-> prob - backlash, r

shad dakshanae - s philoso schools.

ashokan - all together.

anukhav mandap - basaneshwar

law - manee - context. - POCSO.

Orwell - 1984 - big brother - thought



Feedback

Feedback to be provided in terms of (1) Introduction (2) Sentence Constructions (3) Paragraph Formation (4) Legibility (5) Deviation from Topic (6) Coverage of dimensions (7) Simplicity / ease of reading



SECTION - B

1. Investment in human resource development can ensure security of future society.
मानव संसाधन विकास में निवेश से भावी समाज की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित की जा सकती है।
2. Men survive on adversity and perish in ease and comfort.
व्यक्ति प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों में जीवित रहते हैं और सुविधा एवं आराम से नष्ट हो जाते हैं।
3. Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.
प्रत्येक संत का एक अतीत होता है, और प्रत्येक पापी का एक भविष्य होता है।
4. Ethical issues arise only when science is applied to technology.
नैतिक मुद्दे केवल तभी उत्पन्न होते हैं जब विज्ञान प्रौद्योगिकी पर लागू किया जाता है।

2. Men survive on adversity and perish in ease and comfort.

NASA scientists wanted to experiment for growth of vegetation on Mars. They thus stimulated Martian environment on earth and planted different seeds. Despite taking utmost care of optimum nutrients, water, etc. the plants kept dying. on undertaking further research, they found that the stem of plants was weak and

couldn't stand its own weight,
and thus the plant couldn't survive.
This weakness was due to absence
of winds in Martian environment.
Winds on earth make plant and
its stem strong, without which
the plants can't survive.

The above
experiment is true for humans
as well. lack of winds i.e. adversity
make men weak and thus they
can't survive their own weight
i.e. their own potential.

In this essay
thus we will explore why men
survive on adversity, why do they
perish in ease & comfort, and how
we should use above knowledge in
shaping our future.

ADVERSITY : THE PLAYGROUND OF SURVIVAL

The evolution of human beings from apes is a reality that humans wishfully tend to forget. This amnesia of past is to maintain our self image of sophisticated, advanced, intelligent being.

However the truth is we are just another species on this planet. We are inextricably linked to earth and we had to fight the vagaries of nature, other species, to survive. Millions of years of this survival instinct in adversity and natural selection of those who thrive in it, gives a biological reasoning of why humans seek adversity. It is there that they are in their rawest form surviving and thriving.

Further, it is in adversity that a person is

able to push his/her boundaries, and discover/build themselves.

Psychologist, Carl Jung stated that a person has several hidden potentials in their shadow self which needs to be discovered. Adversities help one do that.

A famous influencee, Goggins did the same. He discovered that he had holes in his heart. Despite that, he wanted to improve himself and pushed through harsh navy seal training twice in US. His story of pushing his boundary in face of adversity, inspires millions today.

Similarly, due to adversity, humans push their mental faculty as well and innovate. They come

up with different solutions to the challenges. This happened during COVID pandemic. When the world was reeling under lockdown, scientists world over were pushing the boundaries of medical science, innovating to get vaccines, diagnostics, medicines, etc. The invention of RNA vaccine ~~was~~ which was in limbo for years got created in months in face of adversity.

likewise, during adversity humans tends to come together as a society in order to ~~strive~~ survive. Thus a fractured society, gets the uniting force of survival, resulting in maintenance of nations, cultures, communities, etc.

For instance, Japan like other Asian ~~and~~ societies was still in dark ages when colonial

powers came to their shore. but their society quickly transformed itself in face of adversity. They industrialised Japan, educated and skilled their people and within decades became a formidable world power.

Further, during such adversity, a society is forced to look within and weed out outdated norms and weaknesses. During world wars, the role of women holding the industries, family together while men were out in war, questioned the norms of patriarchy and the notion of 'weak' women. This was thus a major boost to the feminist movements across the world.

COMFORT: SINKING CUSHION OF PERISHABILITY

Deesteresky wrote that humans are such that if you give them all the world's comfort, they will go out of the way to create troubles. It is the worst gift one can give to humans as it is in comfort that they perish.

Humans have innate desire to fulfill their highest potential. This quest for self actualization is shown in Maslow's Need Hierarchy. In comfort, a person is unlikely to seek such desires ~~as~~ as the tools needed to self-actualise comes with adversities.

Such tools like discipline, practise, etc. come only when a person has put themselves through metaphorical fire. This can be both

from outside or from within.

Lack of this fire,
has led to lack of adventure in
people's life. 'A ship is safe at
its harbour, but its not where
it is supposed to be' In

comfort, a person misses out
on these adventures of life.

A problem arising
out of above issue, is a pandemic
of mental health crisis today.

In west, people are suffering the
curse of plenty, and are unable
to find true purpose while indulging
in fleeting happiness of alcoholism,
drugs, etc.

Often this leads to creation of weak men that crumbles society. At the top, weak men crumbles nation. This was seen in Mughal emperors. During early phase of wars, conquest, challenges & adversities, strong kings like Akbar, Babur, were present. But with establishment of empire, weak kings like Bahadur Shah 2 came who couldn't protect their empire from British might.

Similarly weak men today are unable to protect their nation. Volodimir Zelensky was unable to protect his nation from proxy war between west and Russia. Though he has shown strength post war, the uncertainty leading to war show need of stronger leaders.

Similarly, a society used to comfort is unable to deal

with adversities as and when they come. This inability to face crisis leads to ~~the~~ further challenges. This happened in USA, where COVID challenge could have been better handled had people come together and ~~endured~~ abided by ~~the~~ COVID norms provided after scientific consultation.

However the above discussion doesnot mean that one should leave comforts. A person works hard to earn and have comforts. So they are essential driving force as well. But the key is to have balance of adversity & comfort.

This adversity to some extend can be self inflicted so as to grow survival muscle.

Stoics like Marcus Aurelius used to deliberately put themselves in adverse situations. A child can be made to face discomforts like an extra lap in playground, or writing extra tests, just to help them push their boundaries. People can ~~themselves~~ themselves decide how to ~~to~~ seek this balance.

Thus like a butterfly that needs to break the cocoon itself in order to develop strength in their wings to survive and fly, humans need adversity in order to fly and get their dreams and life fulfilled. Ironically in order to truly thrive and enjoy comfort, humans need adversity.

Men survive on adversity - push - pull on ease & comfort.

marble + orbits

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- ① Build to survive - wood - natural
- ② quest of growth
fulfill potential - wasted life → self actualization - Need
- ③ comfort - dullness - adv of life lost → rising mental health issues
plenty of cure
[a ship is safe in harbour but it is not where it is supposed to stay.]
- ④ comfort - weak man → society crumbles
Roman empire / Mughal
- ⑤ push themselves - discover new - growth
innovation - growth → unacademy
- ⑥ experiment traces who survived - intro - goggles
[experiment traces who survived] - intro - goggles - heart hole
- ⑦ adversity - come together as society to survive
war → Japan - admiration against - seals tra ③
- ⑧ questions their morality set norms → patriarchy - world war
- ⑨ innovative steps unable to face crisis - could

arrive
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ATP

small adversity - child - staircase

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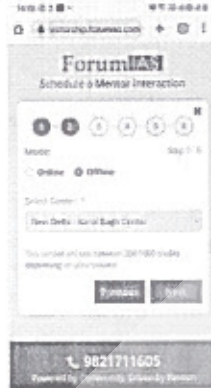
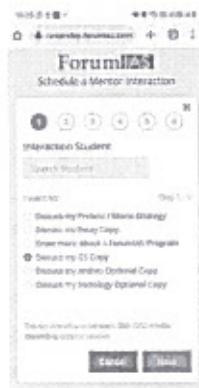
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