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1. Please do furnish Name, Email, Roll No and Mobile in the answer sheet.
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प्रश्न पत्र में दो खंड हैं। प्रत्येक खंड में अंग्रेजी/हिंदी में बहु–विषय मुद्रित हैं। आपको प्रत्येक भाग में से किसी एक विषय का लेखन करना है।

3. One question in each part is compulsory.
प्रत्येक भाग में से एक प्रश्न करना अनिवार्य है।

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5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-Cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided.
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SECTION – A

1. "Control communication and you control the people communicating".

"संचार को नियंत्रित कर, आप संचार करने वाले लोगों को नियंत्रित करते हैं"।

2. Perhaps it's time to dumb down our 'smart' life.

शायद यह हमारे 'स्मार्ट' जीवन को कम करने का समय है।

PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO DUMB DOWN OUR 'SMART' LIFE

Just as 'genius' is a state of mind, 'smart' has become a state of life. One to one conversations have been replaced by chatbots powered by artificial intelligence. Reality has transformed to become alternate or augmented reality and people strive to become smarter day by day.

But, the question arises what is 'smart' life? what constitutes smart and non-smart? How much smartness is desirable and in what ways and

is it really the time to perhaps dumb this smartness for ~~our~~ our own good?

The Puzzle of Smart life

In today's world smart has become synonymous with more technology, more screens in home and increasing dependency on this tech for our day to day lives.

The 90s decade saw rise of internet and since then growth of technology has been phenomenal. Today human intelligence is being challenged by artificial intelligence, machines can learn activities like setting alarms, opening curtains, driving cars and what not. In recent times chatbots like CHAT GPT provide accurate answers to our questions on any subject.

But there is a flip side to the smartness. It was not long ago when Microsoft's AI chatbot Tai was criticised for spewing out racist comments. Moreover, more smartness has led to increasing classical concerns of theft - of data, personal information and treating humans as just another resource.

In addition to this, social media platforms like Twitter have been cited to be toxic while others like instagram to be insensitive and rudely apolitical. But the smart life is not just limited to technology in hand - it is also what we consume.

In this context, health, food that we eat, medicines that we consume have seen a shift in how we approach them. Medical advances

in terms of development of vaccinations for diseases like small pox, polio, and recently COVID-19 – have increased human life expectancy. Sophisticated procedures to cure physical and mental illness have developed.

Moreover, smart food habits through ready to make food packets, supplements to cure deficiencies have seen a rise. Restaurant chains offering easy to grab items like burgers, pizzas, etc. have saved our time. ~~to~~ But at what cost?

According to WHO and various independent surveys it is found that there has been an epidemiological transition. While deaths from epidemics, infectious diseases have stopped, lifestyle diseases like cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular issues are emerging. Also, issues like

Anti-microbial resistance are ~~and~~ disastrous in making due to 'smart' access to medicines like antibiotics.

Similarly, smart life has the facet of work lives. ~~today~~ The traditional offices have become more productive for goods through quicker algorithms, efficient and safe money transfers and more interconnected global economy.

But on the other hand, machines have replaced labour and manual work. Smart economy has become equivalent to capitalism at its core and as a result world's handful people control majority of resources creating an unequal but so called 'smart' world.

To choose dumbness over smartness

Thus it can be assumed that without a doubt smart life has broadened our horizon, ~~pt~~ opened possibilities to improve lives. But, smartness comes with its cost.

The call to question 'smart' life has come from degrading environment. The air is polluted, water toxic and land wasted. Increasing greenhouse gases in atmosphere has paved way for climate change. Human smartness has created 'Great Pacific garbage patch' filled with plastics, microbeads causing direct threat to marine ecosystem. Moreover, smart waste - that is ~~ete~~ e-waste has ~~made~~ filled landfills.

Another gift of smart life has been loss of culture, traditions and values in the name of modernisation. UNESCO has highlighted the threats to languages like Gondi, Asuri, etc. Each culture ~~to~~ is a repository of generations of human genius, ~~there~~ perhaps it is good to be 'dumb' enough to address this.

Globalisation on the other hand has led to homogenisation by providing westernisation as an alternative. It has caused loss of ~~classic~~ interest of youth in classical music, Indian art and an Indian way of life.

Therefore perhaps it is time to dumb down our smart life to re-discover the essential, to reclaim our culture and our environment.

The road to reduce smartness

The road begins with identifying how much smartness is desirable and to whom? The developed world perhaps need to dumb down more and ~~attit~~ shift the focus.

Mindful development of technology keeping consequences of each action in mind is required. The tech of genetic engineering ~~in~~ through CRISPR for instance must not result in development of genetically designed babies. Such tech must help the truly needy.

Moreover, smartness must be appreciated in places which saves lives and improves outcomes. In India for instance smart machines to harvest

and reduce stubble must be adopted. ~~Ano~~ similarly, environment must be reclaimed using methods like phyto-remediation, etc. Hydroponics, vertical farming are other such smart techs.

In addition to this, adoption of traditional knowledge must be encouraged. The ~~as~~ horrendous scenes in Turkey and Syria remind us the need for mindful urban planning and architecture. The traditional Kath-Kunis, Urooso, mughal era homes which are earthquake resistant must be re-discovered over 'smart' high rise fragile buildings.

Similarly, the traditions of sitting in sunlight, eating healthy food, doing yoga in place of taking vitamin supplements, keto-dieting, etc must be re-discovered even if it is considered 'dumb'.

On the other hand, it must be addressed that ~~not all~~ smartness and its requirement varies in space and time. While countries like USA need to dumb down smart lives other's like Afghanistan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, etc need to adopt 'smartness'.

There are some countries where girls still struggle to be recognised equivalent to men. ~~Taliban~~ In Afghanistan regime of Taliban has banned women's access to all educational institutions.

Thus, the ideas of equality, liberalism, freedom of speech, freedom to dress, etc. need enforcement.

Similarly, in sub-saharan africa the need for smart healthcare, technology, food processing, employment is required. Global ~~con~~ collective efforts to provide a 'smart' life to these places is the need of the hour.

In India too, the smart life needs to be seen through lens of an inclusive society, a holistic life for each individual and smartness of our institutions. The only need is to dumb down is the individual ego, lack of confidence in oneself,

and to dumb down all chains that bound us to be a global leader. Only then can we say 'smart' is a state of life'.

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Feedback

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

SECTION – B

1. Science is organized knowledge, wisdom is organised life.

   विज्ञान संगठित ज्ञान है, ज्ञान संगठित जीवन है।

2. Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning.

   निरंतर वृद्धि और प्रगति के बिना सुधार, उपलब्धि और सफलता जैसे शब्दों का कोई अर्थ नहीं है।

SCIENCE IS ORGANISED KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM IS ORGANISED LIFE.

Years ago, the first evidence of a cured thigh bone which had bun factured was found. It was not only piculiar for the ability of ancient men to cure a fractured bone with the primitive science they had but also for the first sign of civilization and here wisdom that humans possessed.

In this context, basic curiosity is invoked to wonder on what exactly is science if not just

organised knowledge and wisdom a reflection of organised life. What is the reason behind it and whether there is more to science and wisdom.

What is science?

Science has been present since the beginning of time. It is a human word to exemplify all that is present and is for real. Science has the widest range of explaining the tiniest electron to the explanation of huge galaxies or atleast finding answers to that.

Thus, science answers why the known phenomena is present and seeks to discover the unknown. In this process the information is already present or is gathered - this science makes use of it and is called

organised knowledge.

Science as organised ~~or~~ knowledge

To know this, first it must be known what is organized knowledge? It is a disciplined endeavour to make sense of the information, it also involves bringing utility for development of humans. Moreover, it seeks to bring rationality into our daily lives.

Our traditions provide existence of science since ancient times. The knowledge of generations preserved in culinary habits, festivals, etc. represent organisation of knowledge. The ~~scie~~ science behind using spices ~~in~~ like turmeric in food, practicing yoga, etc. are highlighted today.

Moreover festivals like Phool dei, Bongal, etc. bring people together and inculcate feeling of brotherhood and reiterate the humanism is all is nothing but organised knowledge — today highlighted in social sciences.

In modern times, similarly the fast pace of life has paved way to more systematised organisation of this knowledge in various disciplines such as botany, medicine, geology, etc. But the ultimate aim has been to make human life easier.

In this context, the advances in medicine by creating sophisticated vaccines, procedures and medicines to cure diseases must be noted. The traditional and modern science of urban planning, ~~building~~ constructing buildings as evident in historical city

of Mohenjo-daro to future cities like Dubai, etc, show science as ~~an~~ organised knowledge.

But considering science as just organised knowledge does injustice to both science and knowledge. Science in true terms must improve human life and the surroundings we live in. Otherwise in terms of Martin Luther King – we will have only guided missiles and misguided men.

Therefore, issues such as degradation of environment due to advances in technology are anti-science and anti-knowledge. ~~The~~ Also, ~~use of~~ mindful use of tech like nuclear energy for

peaceful purposes is true science. In recent times, technology like artificial intelligence and machine learning work on huge sets of data which is information only but to bring out utility out of it, it is only organised knowledge creating accurate responses.

In similar terms wisdom and life ~~is~~ are analogous in many ways to science and knowledge.

Wisdom as organised life

The question of wisdom – what is it, how is it to be achieved has been of interest to scholars and philosophers world wide. Plato identifies wisdom as a key cardinal value of life. Thus in simple terms, wisdom is the ability to use one's knowledge.

This knowledge is a collection of experiences, lessons, ideas and views gained throughout one's life. Such collection is made from own life and also from the lives of others. Thus wisdom equates to organised life.

Here, wisdom must not be understood as just intellect or aptitude. Wisdom is more than that as it the quality of being wise. The lives of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi are a testimony to this fact.

It is from the life of Gandhji that we can equate wisdom with organised life. An organised life is a life with an objective, it asks question to every human – 'What are

you doing for others'. An organised life is also one with utility which can make other people lives better.

Moreover, an organised life progresses with time. Wisdom becomes evident when leaders like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar question the regressive practices in society and ask people to adopt rationality and logic — again a sign of organised life.

In addition to this wisdom is found in simple day to day activities done in a mindful and organised manner. The growing emphasis on eating habits due to increasing lifestyle diseases points out importance of organised life.

Also, ideas like minimalism to lead an organised life while being mindful of materialism and consumerist life style is a daily act of wisdom.

In the social sphere, an organised life corresponds to tolerance, ~~pea~~ peaceful living, respecting constitutional ideals. The absence of which creates ~~dis~~ disorganisation and discomfort as it was evident during North East Delhi riots which

killed 53 people. Such incidents are anti-wisdom and make mockery of human intellect.

An organised social life often leads to an organised economic life as well. Mindful formulation

of policies, increase in secularization leads to better economic outcomes. It also requires wisdom to alter strategies to reach higher objectives such as opening of Indian economy post 1991 Reforms.

Thus an organisation in public policies is desired to achieve ideals of distributive justice, equality and collective well being.

In this context, an organisation of policies and efforts at international scale is an act of wisdom to view world as one family requiring collective efforts. Contemporary issues like climate change, biodiversity loss and increasing North-south divide calls for such organised efforts. It is this collective wisdom in terms of Montreal

protocol that we reversed the ~~ozone~~ ozone hole formation. Moreover, eradication of diseases like small pox or phasing out leaded petrol are testimony to that fact that wisdom is organised efforts.

~~Thus it is clear that, organised life leads to better outcomes~~

But, it must not be confused that all forms of organisation are acts of wisdom. The organised system of racism, nazism, colonialism and hegemonic tendencies of various countries are anti-wisdom.

Thus, it is clear that an organised life is a life of utility. It is a collection of efforts

leading to collective happiness and progress of all. And that is the similarity of wisdom and science as well — that it must bring out true essence of being humans, as highlighted by ancient sanskrit saying —

"Loka Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu"

(Let the whole world be prosperous and peaceful).