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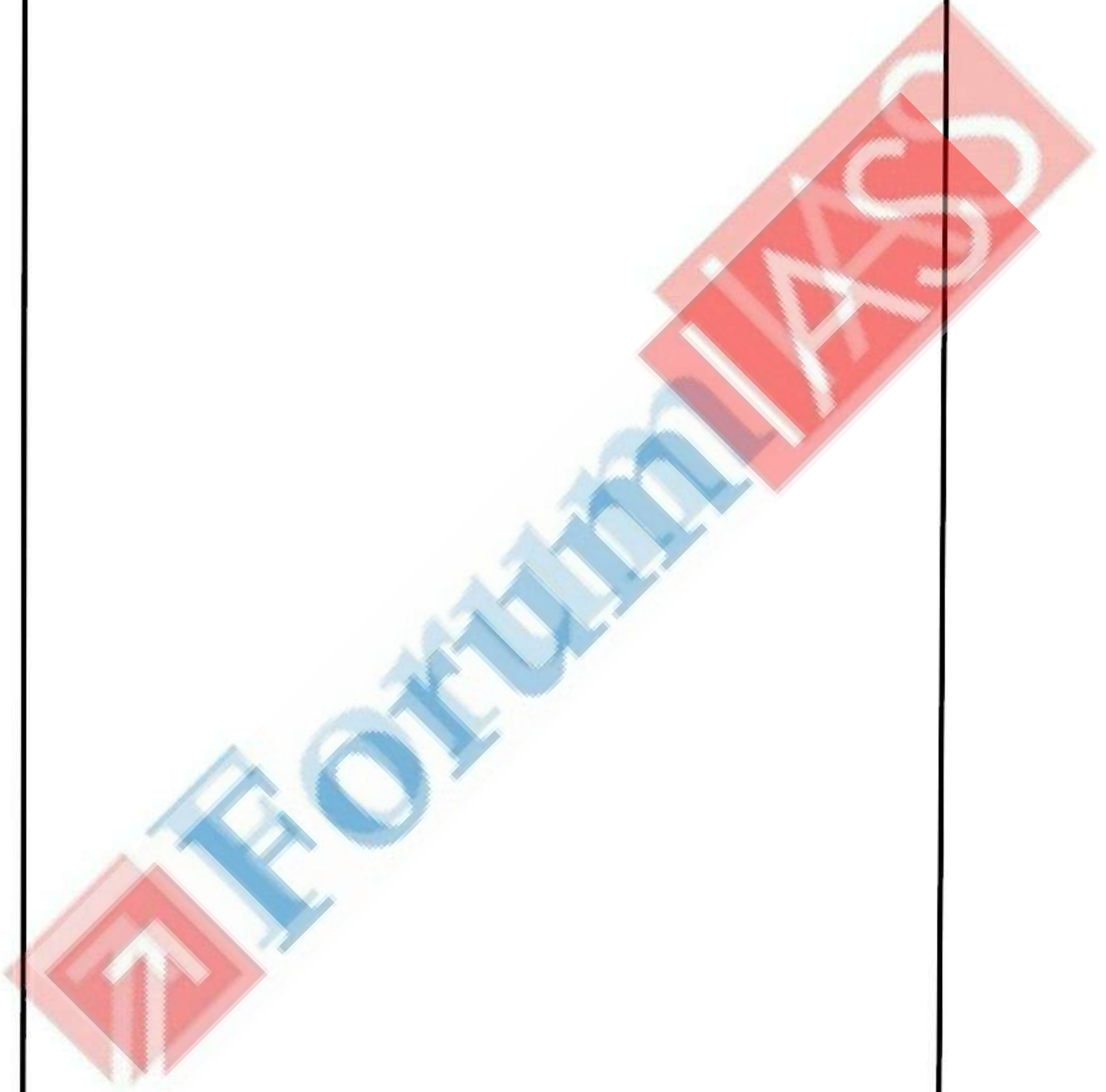
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Section - A

3 The Power of Perception shapes our understanding of reality

Akbar inherited vast empire from Humayun which contained multiple culture, religion, ethos and traditions. Over this issue, he began discussions with leading vicars like Abdullah Suhayni. It led to formation of Ibadat Khana in Fateh pur Sikri. It included people of all faiths like Hindus, Shia Muslims, Catholics etc. Debates and discussions over various religious doctrine started. Finally, after listening to diverse views, Akbar formed his own perception about religions. He realized that all religions are

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true and all lead to same reality. This shaped his understanding of absolute reality and led to the formation of suh-i-kul which preached 'peaceful co-existence'

Perception is our beliefs, thoughts or attitude toward any person, event or object. It is our interpretation of reality. It is cognitive aspect of Attitude formation.

Reality is result of our perception. Shankaracharya talked of 'Conventional Reality' and 'Absolute Reality'. While some other belief in single reality.

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So, if Perception is different inter-pretation and reality can also be many, how do we come at common understanding? we will find out this by understanding how perception shapes reality. Then we will also see how Perception makes reality a relative concept and finally how to resolve this dialectics.

Different Perception has led to different interpretation of history which has shaped our understanding of historical culture, traditions etc. Nationalist historians like SB Chaudhari try to ignore the non homogenous nature of society. While Imperial historians try to figure out deep rooted differences. These perceptions help us to shape our understanding towards actual reality

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Our beliefs and thoughts are
result of inherent value shaped
and moral values imbibed upon us
from childhood. Gautam Buddha
had compassion and empathy
towards weaker sections which
shaped his concept of '4 Noble
Truth' and 'Astangika marga'

Likewise, our experiences
of Patriarchal society and
untouchability had shaped our
constitution. It has resulted in
Right to Equality (Article 14) and
Abolition of untouchability (Article 17).
It was carried forward by our
lawmakers by passing POSCO Act,
SC/ST Act etc.

Climate activists perception had led

to climate awareness. This has led to our understanding of climate change - a reality which was considered a myth few decades ago. Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement are result of this new understanding of reality.

From times of Bhagwat Gita to till times of modern philosophers, we have got many ethical theories. While Deontology focus on 'means' to achieve a goal, on other hand teleology talks of 'end' to be ultimate reality. These different perception had shaped our morality and ethical behaviour.

We have come along a long way from being a closed society to open one. Changing ~~percep~~ perspective toward LGBTQIA+

Community is result of same.

It has led to decriminalising of homosexuality (Section 377) through Navtej Singh Johar case.

Perceptions drives innovations. And innovations are shaped by scientific temper and spirit of inquiry. These leads to understanding of reality of our universe and earth.

Chandragupta is a result of perceptions of Aryabhata, Brahmagupta, Varahmihir.

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India follows a multi party system. we have more than thousand political parties. Different people have different perceptions about particular party. This shapes democratic voter behaviour. And it has resulted in success of Parliamentary democracy in India.

However, perceptions make reality a blurred phenomenon because we can have thousand perceptions of same reality.

Like Jain theory talked of Anekantवाद or 'theory of plurality.' "Story of Blind people and Elephant" clearly depicts how human beings cannot understand the reality fully.

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Immanuel Kant, a German philosopher has argued that we human beings are born with our perceptions and we can never know what is reality and what is our perceptions. All empirical evidences and observations can't help us to understand actual reality.

As it is said "Everything we hear is opinion, not fact and everything we see is perception, not truth." This has led to

class of perception. While developed nation are forcing developing nations to phase down coal power plant, On other hand developing nation believe, they have to fulfill their needs.

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Sometimes, ~~some~~ somebody's perceptions makes reality banal. It is because of greed, narrow and self interest. Hitler's perception of Lebensraum (living space) shaped his understanding that Jews are reason for Germany's misery and made Holocaust a reality.

Perceptions are easy to modify or manipulate. It is because they lack any finality and are subjective in nature. Robespierre manipulated the 'general will' of Rousseau and enforced a hundred days of Reign of Terror.

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There is yet another issue of whether perception should be emotional or rational. whether

it should be based on some fact, logics or emotion, intuition.

This leads to conflict of interest and situation of dilemma.

And if consequences become wrong, it can lead to crisis of conscience. Thus it

is essential to resolve these opposing dialects and come to a common conclusion. So,

we are now at at last issue of how to shape the reality through valid perception.

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For this our beliefs and ideas should be pure and based on moral and ethical grounds.

To resolve any dilemma, we have to apply Golden mean of Aristotle or "madhyam marg" of Gautam Buddha.

Like for climate crisis, we should remember words of Anarva veda "Mata Bhumi Pithiviyam Pulakham" (Earth is my ~~moed~~ mother, I am her son). Our perception should be based on constitutional morality, legality and ethicality.

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To avoid any manipulation, we have to set examples of how perceptions change reality by enforcing code of ethics and fundamental duties.

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Our culture, traditions, values can help us to understand reality. Process of socialisation should be love oriented rather than power assertive. Our focus should be on the process rather than end. ~~and~~ Like ~~Din~~ Akbar established 'Din-i-Ilahi' but never forced it upon subjects.

"Our belief becomes our thoughts,
our thoughts becomes our ~~actions~~ words,
our words becomes our actions,
our actions becomes our habits,
our habits shapes our values,
our values shapes our destiny"

— Mahatma Gandhi

Section - B

1. A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

A king had everything from wealth and elephants to vast empire and army. To protect such empire, war was a regular phenomenon. But a destructive and inhuman war was fought which led thousands crippled and millions captured. These new experiences of vast misery, sadness which king had never witnessed led to giving him up of war altogether.

He was Mauryan ruler 'Ashoka' who gave up war after Kalinga war and adopted 'Dhamma Vijaya' which means conquest through dhamma.

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So, a mind is constantly stretched by new experiences. These experiences can be seen in daily life of an individual and also in daily working of administration. But there are some experiences which hit to the core of mind which affect it so much that it binds men forever like of Ashoka.

So, in this essay we will find out that why mind which is stretched by new experience can never go back to old dimensions? And, then some instances of how it can go back. And, finally how we should react to our experiences so that it help us to live a better life.

do not go back
 because new experiences are much
 better than old one and gives
 peace to mind. when Yautam
Buddha got the experience of
enlightenment, instead of going to
 back to lavish life, he became
ascetic as he got peace of mind

Sometimes, new experiences
 are so alarming that it give us
 a hint that if we continue our
 present lifestyle, there is no future
 at all. This is leading to shift
 from fossil fuel towards renewable
energy. Effect to limit temperature
 rise to 1.5°C suggest that, old
 dimension of toxicity is fading away.

Not only new experiences but horrors of past experiences does not allow our mind to go back. Britain and France adopted policy of Appeasement toward Germany and Italy just to avoid horrors of world war I.

It is the Cognitive Dissonance and Crisis of Conscience after any learning experiences which shapes our mind. We have an example of Angulimal who had killed and looted many but experience of meeting with Buddha made him realize that Compassion is only truth. And he never looked back from that point.

Today, messages are delivered in seconds of time, people cross continents in hours of time and ideas flow instantly. These new experiences of AI, ML, Robotics, etc are not only emerging but are becoming necessity and people are not going to leave it anytime soon. Old experiences like telegram, letters are fading away.

But, mind also witnessed experiences which leads to erosion of morality of person. A newly appointed bureaucrat when sees a chance of making easy money ~~feels~~ feels in slippery slope and indulge in corruption. Like Edward Gibbon said "If I had to give one reason to fall of Roman empire, it was corruption".

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Technology is two edged sword.
If it is used in wrong way by
wrong people, it create chain
reactions and neither person
involved nor society comes out
of it's impact. New experiences
of deep fakes, misinformation,
child pornography suggest ~~that~~ that
mind is not going in older dimension

Sometimes, push factors
lead to giving up of old
ways of living. Migration due
to poverty, persecution force
people to leave country and they
never return to their original
home. Rohingyas in Myanmar
were victims of such new
experiences

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But, as Kautilya in Arthashastra mentions that "Men is facile minded" and compare him to horse of how like horse he shows constant change in temper. Honesty as a virtue is not permanent and chase of easy money will corrupt it.

We all have witnessed ~~and~~ how closed merchant list society paved way for globalisation. And now due to COVID-19, Russia Ukraine war, countries are adopting protectionist policies and are going back to old dimensions. This shows how mind goes back to old dimensions. We have plenty of such instances that old dimensions are revived.

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Revival of Ayurveda, yoga,
traditional handicraft indicate
of same now old dimensions
are constantly being revived.

New popularity of Chikankari
or Bandhani sarees depict same.

Focus on organic farming instead
of chemical fertilisers show how
ancient traditions are revived.

After living with new
experiences, many time people
realise that new experiences
are not yielding any great
benefit or are being opposed by
other people. This results in
going back to older dimensions.

Withdrawal of these farm bills
owing to the protest is apt
example of this.

Change is constant phenomenon. As Immanuel Kant mention "An age can not bind itself". It means that state can't make unalterable laws. So, if new experiences are telling mind that old dimensions were far better, then mind has to be respected. Like we are protecting our traditional art sense through Vishwakarma yojana.

Thus, it is not true that a mind can't go back to older dimensions. It has to adapt with changing situations. It should be flexible to meet the demands of present and be enough conscious to think of future generations.

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So, we come to last part of how to react to our new experiences to lead a better life? New experiences are like a gift which gives us joy but also like a needle which hurt us. It is essential to respect our experiences whether good or bad and learn from it.

If New Experiences are leading to harmony in society, we should adopt it. But if we are not sure of ~~who~~ which path to follow, we can take the help of Gandhiji's talisman. Any experiences

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which help us to act in such a way that it keep poorest of poor, than we should give up old dimension of exclusion.

A King should follow Yogakshema Sushan (welfare of all) as said by Kautilya as "In their ~~his~~ happiness, lies his happiness, in their welfare, his." Ashoka's Janhita was in this direction.

If any experience is leading to crisis of conscience we should never adopt it's course. To help us in this crisis, we should ~~strong~~ show highest level of emotional intelligence."

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It is said that 'practitioner of ethics is beneficiary of ethics'. So, our actions should be ethical.

Older dimensions if are ethical and lead to maximum benefit for maximum people must be adopted. Older dimensions are not foreign, they are replica of our own past. We should own our past, we should admire and respect our past.

A mind that is stretched by new experience of progress, vision, ambition should not go to the old dimension of servitude as 'Manch Pran' advocated. But if old dimensions gives us strength, respect and courage, we should admire them like Kartavyapath is admiring them.

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