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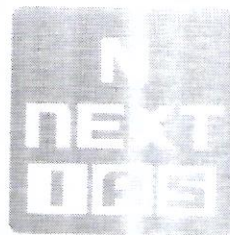
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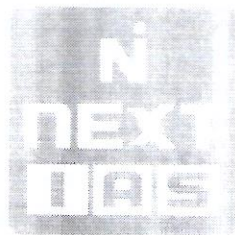
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खण्ड-A / Section-A

- Q.1 If it costs you your peace, it is too expensive.
यदि इससे आपकी शांति छिनती है, तो यह बहुत महँगी है।
- Q.2 In the flood of data, the thirst still remains.
ऑकड़ों की बाढ़ में, प्यास अब भी बाकी है।
- Q.3 A star has to burn to give light to others but that's what stars are meant for.
एक सितारे को दूसरों को रोशनी देने के लिए जलना पड़ता है, लेकिन सितारे इसी के लिए बने हैं।
- Q.4 The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
किसी व्यक्ति का अंतिम मापदंड यह नहीं है कि वह आराम और सुविधा के क्षणों में कहाँ खड़ा है, बल्कि यह है कि वह चुनौती और विवाद के समय कहाँ खड़ा है।

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Q.2

IN THE FLOOD OF DATA, THE THIRST
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There was a time when people used to have limited options and sources of entertainment, yet they were much more happy and entertained. Only one Doordarshan channel and one Akashvani channel with limited number of options, yet the level of curiosity was immense. Today, in contrast, we have lots of avenues for entertaining ourselves, yet we are becoming more and more thirsty for entertainment. In the era of Spotify, Wynk, and Apple music

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with umpteen choices we miss simple and elegant, once in a week music program of Akashvani. Today we just scroll the never ending library of music songs and we remain unsatisfied in the end.

DATA DATA EVERYWHERE

With the rapid enhancements in the Electronics and IT, we have witnessed an exponential growth in the collection and use of data. Large social media companies collect humungous amount of data from their billions of users. Also, the data collected now is no longer limited to text format; more and more data is being collected in unstructured forms, including in the form of Audio-visual files. Not just social media giants, every kind of other service providers are also collecting huge amounts of data, be it online commerce, News websites, content creators, Hospitals and stock exchanges,

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governments and public authorities, think-tanks and academics, so on and so forth.

This huge amount of data collected and generated have helped us in variety of ways. Data-based decision making have made the policy-making more nuanced and effective.

It has helped companies to take better policy decisions; it has helped individuals to plan their finances; it has helped in many other domains - be it Health service delivery, drug-discovery, biotechnology, financial planning, scientific projects and so on.

THIRST REMAINS UNQUENCHED

Despite the fact that huge amount of data is being generated and collected; Companies, Governments and Individuals are still unsatisfied. Big-Tech companies use various lawful and unlawful means to extract more and more public data so as to monetise it. Ad-based revenue model

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of Big-Tech Companies compel them to collect more and more private data of individuals so as to use that data using machine learning algorithms for better targeting of ads. Also, they use private data of individual preferences to make their program more addictive. In the documentary 'Social Dilemma', it has been rightly remarked that 'if you are not paying for the product, then you are the product'.

Not just Big-Tech companies and private entities, even states across the globe are collecting more and more private data. These data most of the time are used for public service delivery, but sometimes they are also misused to create Orwellian surveillance state where eyes of Big Brother peeps into every aspects of citizens life. This thirst of data both at private and governments level is compromising various

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socio-political rights of citizens.

REAL VICTIM

Real victim of this mad rush of generating, collecting and using data for the various political, economic or social ends is the individuals who knowingly or unknowingly are generating these huge data and are getting trapped in the cob-web created by this Data-Empire.

In this Data-Empire, where data is the means and data is the end, individuals are becoming prisoners in this great Truman show. Life of an individual is facing great threats from multi-faceted adverse consequences emanating from this Data-Empire. First such adverse impact is seen at the level of mental focus and attention span. Today individuals are more distracted than they might have ever been. Over-stimulated state of mind generated by consumption of huge data has drastically reduced attention-span.

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Care Newport in his book 'Deep work' argue that this distracted state of human's mind is impacting other domains of human life as well creating a vicious cycle of entrapment.

Also, one of the biggest cause of thirst and unease at the individual level has been the use of social-media platforms. Today we are exposed to positively curated portrayal of one's life through social-media sites. This creates sense of insecurity and left-behind in the minds of people leading to various mental imbalances. A recent study showed how use of Instagram is causing increased mental illness among teenage girls. In a quest to ape the lifestyle of social-media influencers, many are adopting unhealthy ways leading to both mental and social problems.

Fragmented attention span also hampering the academic career of students and causing great human

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resource loss to the nations. Not just teenagers, even adults are becoming more and more prone to mental and social issues whose genesis can be traced to over-exposure to flood of data. Today we are feeling a sense of alienation as whatever we have today is virtual. We no longer have real friends but mere virtual friends. We no longer enjoy intimate friendship bonds as in virtual world too-many friends are there but perhaps no real friend is left.

This flood of data has drowned a man in existential crisis. We are like the underground man of Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel, left alone in the basement hooked to the internet and feel a sense of loneliness in the facade of connectivity. There is an ocean of water but we are left with not a single drop to drink. We just scroll mindlessly through the reels on Instagram and Youtube, and

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instead of feeling any kind of contentment, we become more and more uncontented.

WAKE UP CALL

Gautam Buddha, centuries ago, had asserted that cravings are endless and are root cause of our sufferings. Similar thing can be said about the ubiquitous presence of data in our lives. Over-exposure to unintended and unnecessary data has done more harm than good. What we need today is Data-minimalism at individual level, and ethical data collection and use at the level of governments and private entities. At an individual level, we should shield us from the unnecessary data generation and use. We should cultivate the habit of building real social bonds instead of relying on virtual bonds. We must inculcate habit of contentment when it comes to data consumption and isolate us from mad-race to

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data.

At the level of Government and Private entities, what we need is humane and progressive use of data collection and utilization. Big-Tech companies should be regulated in such a way that they no longer function merely as a money-minting machine at the cost of mental-peace of men and women. They should be asked to refine and redesign their business model so that it no longer rely on making their platforms more and more addictive. Many former employees of these tech-giants have recently resigned from them citing unethical practices adopted by these companies to make their platform addictive so as to sell the attention time for ad revenue generation. What we need is ethical use of these platforms.

At the level of governments,

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it is now the standard practice across the globe that governments must collect and use minimal private data of citizens so that the balance b/w privacy of citizens and service delivery effectiveness by govt. is maintained.

We must realise that real progress is not merely material and physical, rather real progress comes when both material and spiritual well-being is ensured. To ensure spiritual well-being, it is essential that the Data-Empire which is causing great mental agonies must be suitably tamed and regulated.

We need to return to the good old days where we sit in the lap of nature holding book in a hand devoid of any distractions from ceaseless notifications and embrace the inner tranquility.

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emanating from the state of nothingness. For this to happen, we need to make sure that emperor of our Data-Empire becomes benevolent and altruistic. We need this more than ever.

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खण्ड-B / Section-B

- Q.5 Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos.
सभ्यता व्यवस्था के साथ प्रारंभ होती है, स्वतंत्रता के साथ बढ़ती है, और अराजकता के साथ समाप्त हो जाती है।
- Q.6 A single drop never feels responsible for the flood.
एक बूँद कभी भी बाढ़ के लिए खुद को उत्तरदायी नहीं मानती।
- Q.7 Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.
प्रकृति और बुद्धि अलग-अलग बात नहीं कहते।
- Q.8 ✓ Present demonstrates the lessons of history, albeit the hard way.
वर्तमान इतिहास के सबक को दर्शाता है, यद्यपि कठिन तरीके से।

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Q.8

PRESENT DEMONSTRATES THE LESSONS
OF HISTORY, ALBEIT THE HARD WAY

Ongoing wars between Russia and Ukraine, raging conflict between Israel and Hamas, tensions between Iran and USA, race for hegemony between China and USA, growing bipolarity in today's world and many other such indicators reminds us of the days of Cold-war. Many analysts even call this new world order as Cold-war 2.0. This current state of world points to the fact

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that 'what we learn from the history is that we do not learn from the history'. This deja-vu of past in the present is although apparent, yet the consequences may differ — most of the time on harder side.

many scholars of historiography differ about the nature of history and its evolution. Some argue that it evolves linearly, while others advocate for cyclical nature of history. Without going into this never-ending debate, we can safely agree that history evolves dialectically where present contains the past. Borrowing the word from Hegel, we can argue that History's evolution is dialectical where past is contained within the present.

WHEEL OF TIME : LESSONS LEARNED
AND FORGOTTEN

If we compare our present

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with our historical past, we realise that Present is mere reflection of our past and despite knowing the lesson of history, we become ostrich in the sandy storm and mindlessly commit the same mistakes which we have committed in the past, only to learn the similar lessons but at great cost.

Beginning with the domain of war, we have fought unpteen number of wars in the past. Every civilizational history is filled with history of wars. Most recently we have fought two world-wars. Every Epic of world narrates story of one war or the other. Through our numerous encounters with war, we have learnt that war is not the solution, rather it is part of problem. Yet, we still fight wars. After long drawn wars between Russia and Ukraine and Israel and Hamas, we are

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again learning the same lesson that war is not the solution. But this lesson has costed deaths of thousands of soldiers and civilians. So, we keep learning the same lessons but at incrementally higher prices.

Next, in the domain of Political systems, through our historical past we have learned that despite various flaws Democracy is best form of government. Struggles on Enlightenment age and thoughts of various political thinkers taught us the same. Yet, today we are witnessing the rise of authoritarianism and shrinking domain of human liberties. This tendency has resulted in great bloodshed in the past, be it ⁱⁿ the eras of Hitler, Stalin, ~~or~~ Pol Pot or Mao. Even today we see lots of struggles against authoritarian tendencies but we only learn the same historical lesson after

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paying substantial price.

In the domain of economy, through our historical evolution we have learned that good of one is contained in good of all. so, overall prosperity of everyone (sarvodaya) is best economic model. Today, after experimenting with various economic models, be it socialism, capitalism, or various variants of these, we have come to realise that welfare state is the ideal one. Growth and Development should be inclusive and equitable. Today again, ideas of Karl Marx are resonating in the ideas of Thomas Piketty. so, here also we see that Present demonstrates the lessons of history.

In our scientific endeavours, we have learnt that unethical use of science and technology leads to dire consequences. we have seen it

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in the case of Hiroshima & Nagasaki bombings. Yet, today we are following the path of untrained or unethical use of technology. Be it in the case of arm race, space race or race to attain technological hegemony, we see that we have neglected our past lessons. Unbridled use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning is another example of how we do not learn from history. We must learn from past or we might face hard consequences in hardway as these new technologies are extremely powerful.

In the field of Environment, through our historical knowledge we have learnt that disturbance of environment leads to dire consequences. Despite that, over the past couple of centuries we have destroyed the environment tremendously. As a consequence of that, today we

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are facing the existential crisis of global warming, climate change, biodiversity loss, disaster events and other natural hazards. Today through Paris Climate Deal, Montreal Protocol and numerous other environmental laws and organisations we are trying to do course correction. We are learning the same old message but in hardest possible way.

→ Even in the domain of spirituality and psychology we learn the same old wisdom. In the history we have seen ideas of Buddha, Patanjali, stoics and others where they have said that root cause of most of our sufferings is our uncontrolled restless mind. And to attain peace they have advocated for attaining control of mind through meditative techniques. Today also we are facing similar challenges. In the midst of hyper-connected world filled with too much distractions we are facing

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lots of mental problems and sufferings. In this backdrop, rise of Yoga and renewed interest in meditation and spirituality shows that same age old spiritual message is getting reiterated. Buddha and Patanjali have become more relevant than ever.

EMBRACE THE PAST AND BUILD THE FUTURE

Through survey of various domains we have realised that lessons of history is extremely important in our present days. History is not a dead subject but rather it lives in the present. We should learn from the history and try to avoid the past mistakes so as to build a better future. We should refrain from both erasing the history or modifying the history. We must embrace the hard truths of history, however inconvenient it may be. We must explore

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our history with open minds without any prejudice so that we learn from it. Also, we must develop robust historiography so that our narratives of past should not be clouded by the socio-political goals of present. Diverse viewpoints of history is possible but we must ensure that such viewpoints stand the touchstone of academic rigour. History should not be used as a tool to create present tensions. we should study history just like any other science subject in a disinterested way so that our emotions doesn't veil the real lessons of history. History is a double edged sword, we must wield it carefully so that we can use it to build the future, and not destroy the present.

In conclusion, we must be reminded of the fact that History repeats itself, first as tragedy and

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then as farce. In the 1990s Francis Fukuyama wrote "End of History" where he said final world order has been attained in the form of liberal democracy. Yet, by the 2020, he has accepted that he was wrong. Emergence of china and spectre of cold war 2.0 points to the fact that history keeps on evolving. Instead of hoping to attain some end-of-history state as desired by Marx, what we need is to focus on learning from history and trying to dialectically evolve with History in more mature and progressive way. Dance of History will go on, what we all need is to be a good spectator.

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