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Q5) Translation

During my first stay in hostel, I chanced upon an acquaintance with one senior brother. He was university topper in Literature. Every morning, I saw him drinking country liquor. In addition, ~~was his addiction to~~ he was also addicted to Gaja. <sup>(Opium)</sup> He used to love me. Once I asked him, "Brother, I do not see you brushing your teeth!" He replied, "Does he tiger brush his teeth, my boy?" In spite of his addiction in alcohol and gaja <sup>(Opium)</sup>, he used to study and also stood first in examinations year after year. He was an idol to his juniors, especially those who lead a hostel life. I have observed that many tried to immitate him and as a result, committed blunder in their studies. One of my fellow-mate, ~~became~~ ~~an~~ idolized him, ~~and~~ took to opium addiction and as a result ~~became mad~~ became mad! But what a great student of economics that boy was! He was also the goal-keeper of junior bengal club. What unthinkable! Whom ~~to~~ to blame for such tragedy! We bengalis tend to think, that ~~it~~ by going to forbidden ~~area~~ (Red light) areas we can become. Sast Bodh layer, If we get piles we can become Rabinendra Nath Tagore and.

if me become a heretic me will be Humayun.  
That is why, ~~for~~ those friends who thought by  
embracing alcohol and opium addiction day and night  
night, they can become like that senior. — what  
words do you have for such idiosyncrasies?

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Q4)

## Educating Girl Child

"You educate a ~~man~~ <sup>boy</sup>, you educate only a man;  
You educate a girl, you educate a generation."  
— Brigham Young

~~Educating~~ The above words of Brigham Young, proves beyond doubt that educating a girl child is synonymous to giving ~~them~~ them empowerment. It is a paradox that despite boosting of an economic growth in terms of ~~GDP~~ 7.1% GDP, millions and millions suffer silently amidst poverty, malnourishment and uneducation! Amartya Sen. and Jean Drize calls this dichotomy of development in India as Uncertain glory. As a solution to this dichotomy both Sen and Jean Drize devised the HDI (Human development Index) which lays special emphasis on Education, specially education of the girl child which is only way to their empowerment and the only way they can unshackle the bondage that makes them servile and subservient.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad while stressing on the utmost and urgent importance for providing education to girl child commented thus:-

"In the apron string of women is hidden the revolutionary energy, which can establish paradise on earth."

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The concept of educating a girl child is not new and in the past several commendable steps have been taken to bridge the gap between education and self-empowerment specially when it comes to the question of girl child. Tswar Chandra Vidyasagar is said to have championed the cause of ~~educate~~ education of girls. A landmark step was the setting up of girls school by J.D. Bethune. M.G. Ranade and Pandita Ramabai is ~~said~~ to have worked tirelessly towards women emancipation by providing them education. A more formalised education started with a top-down approach and trickle-down theory. But such <sup>very</sup> top down approach often proved to be <sup>very</sup> unsuccessful. When the question comes to education of masses and educating the most untouchable. A severe lacuna exists because unless we educate the most unfortunate the most down-trodden, we can never realize a society where women ~~unshackled~~ unshackles their servile bonds and rise towards emancipation.



Empowerment needs to be ubiquitous! and so do education!

For Gandhi,

"When woman, whom we call abala becomes Sabala; all those who are helpless will become powerful!"

Such visions of Gandhian way of empowering women by education are echoed in Gandhi's Woodha Scheme of education scheme which was implemented in 1937. Gandhi stressed on vocational education along side formal education. According to Gandhiji, true education is stressing on both formal and vocational education. ~~with both formal and~~ ~~is necessary~~ ~~and~~ ~~is~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~girls~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~important~~ ~~step~~ ~~towards~~ ~~the~~ ~~greatest~~ ~~good~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~greatest~~ ~~number~~ ~~towards~~ ~~all~~!"

Such egalitarian, ~~and~~ utilitarian as well as Gandhian sentiments are well reflected and realized when the Government of India passed the 86th Amendment which added article 21A as of 6 and 14 with free of cost as fundamental right! It also added article 45 under the directive principles of state policies (DPSPs) making education as a fundamental to the good governance of the country. ~~And~~ Addition

of ~~an~~ education. (i.e. making it as a fundamental duty) in 51A. So that it becomes a fundamental duty on the parents to provide education to their child is a landmark step towards ensuring that no child especially a girl child remains in the darkness of ignorance!

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Dr. Albert - an educational psychologist stresses on the importance of educating a girl child. He argues that in educating a girl child the first significant step that India took was making education universal, free and available to all. He argued the importance of including education as ~~an~~ a fundamental right to ensure its proper delivery. But also argues that "the right to education, specially of a girl child" is extremely special and sensitive in a way that when such rights are denied, then the victim being rarely a child is unable to fight for the right. Hence the importance (and onus lies on the "enabling state" to promote, provide and ensure universal child education.

"When women thrive, all society benefits, and succeeding generations are given a better start in life."  
— Kofi Annan.



The result of educating girls have a number of positive social ramifications. Such social ramifications stresses how education is instrumental in promoting tolerance and peaceful co-existence. Society has a whole becomes ~~enlightened~~ more enlightened and glaring societal divisions tend to vanish. It is very important that every individual should fight for ensuring that no child especially a girl is left ~~out~~ out uneducated. One such glaring example of a brave heart who fought and stood the ground for the cause of education, is Malala Yousafzai.

In her book entitled "I am Malala - The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban".

portrays the atrocities the Taliban regime committed in ensuring that women are denied right to education. Malala comprises

as right to life. In her book she recounts the horrific incident of how she was shot ~~to~~ three rounds of bullets because she was going to school!

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"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached" - the Vivekananda's words are perennially inspiring and indeed we have

to traverse a long road before we ensure the universal education and also ensure that no girl child is deprived from ~~the~~ education. Since education here is synonymous to empowerment and emancipation we must remember that here education should not be limited to bookish knowledge. True education ~~will~~ of girl child must encompass materialistic education as well as spiritualistic education.

With the Malthusian alarm of population growth hovering again and the failure of top-down approach we must turn our focus on bottom-up approach to foster universal education.

Here Gandhis' talisman and concept of SARVODAYA will come to our ~~rescue~~ rescue. where alongside formal education, we must lay our focus on both vocational as well as spiritualistic education. Such holistic education <sup>to the girl child</sup> will provide them the opportunity to flourish and blossom and will create a world where Tagore's vision becomes a reality.

"Where the head is held high and the hand is without fear!!"



Q3)

Love even makes the King of beast blind

With	Once	a	lion	fell	in	love
to	a	beautiful	maiden	and	proposed	marriage
proposal	her	parents.	Though	abhorant,	of	the
King	yet	not	wishing	to	enrage	the
the	of	beast	the	bride's	father.	suggested
teeth,	lion	to	remove	his	claws	and
The	lest	they	may	injure	her	daughter.
and	lion	did	so	but	was	ridiculed
he	backed	to	do	his	worst,	when
the	met	the	bride's	father	for	re-consider
the	marriage	proposal.				

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## SPURGE IN STUDENT SUICIDE CASES!

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Yet another heart breaking and unfortunate case of a school student committing suicide have raised serious questions about the psychological and mental well-being and health of school students. The incident involved Rohit Gargh, a class X student who allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the ~~four~~ fourth floor of the high rise school building.

~~The incident occurred~~ Rohit Gargh, ~~was~~ a student of a renowned school. ~~He was~~ and was attaining his classes as usual. According to his friends and classmates, a ~~fight~~ fight ensued ~~at~~ between him and one of his friend over a trivial matter, but the matter was solved by arbitration. Then suddenly during the recess period, he giving no apparent signs of warning jumped from the fourth floor. He ~~was~~ suffered a serious



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injuries and was rushed to nearby hospital, where he was declared dead. His school mate, Amit Roy said, "We are extremely shocked by this incident. A trivial fight did <sup>in</sup> ~~end~~ <sup>however</sup> but we are not sure whether that triggered him to take this extreme step."

His class teacher Mrs. Sen said, "Rohit was a brilliant student. He was always regular in studies. Though a bit sentimental, we found no apparent signs or symptom of stress within him!"

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~~His~~ The principle of the school expressed deep regret and said "Our school places utmost importance on the moral as well as psychological well being of the student, however. We need to create more counselling as well as awareness so that such incidents do not happen in future!"

Psychologist Mrs. Ashutosh expressed deep concern on the recent <sup>in</sup> ~~spur~~ <sup>however</sup> of the suicide cases specially the teenagers. She said, "The rising instances of suicides committed by teenagers is alarming! What we are seeing is a gradual social disintegration. It seems that

~~Such~~ social bonds are so loose, that even trivial fights and incidents like breakup can urge them to take such extreme step! Is our society disintegrating? Don't we have nobody to look upto when we are distressed?"

Psychiatrist. P Dutta blames on the inherent lifestyle that our teenagers are exposed to. ~~to~~ He posits "unbridled consumerism has commodified our approach to life. We <sup>have</sup> become utterly hedonistic and self-centred. Our teenagers have become de-humanized robots!" He further claimed:- "That ~~overrated~~ the rising suicide rates lies in our intrinsic inability to handle stress. We are engrossed in a world of instant gratification. Hence when our internal craves are not satisfied we tend to take extreme steps!"



social psychologist ~~and~~. Ana Brown also echoed  
Dutta's sentiments and said. "We and our  
teenagers are exposed in a society which  
is adrift in the sea of materialism

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Thus intoxication of materialism makes us  
forget who we are — ~~we~~ we do not remember  
our parents or our loved ones, the only  
thing we remember is our craving, which  
if not gratified compels us towards such  
extreme step! Consumerism has buried  
our faculties ~~of~~ of sympathy and empathy!!

ed,  
We focused on more seminars on handling  
conflict — "Students from an early age should  
be counselled regularly. They should be  
given training on how to handle stress!!"

What is interesting in the case of Rahit Gargh  
is his face book profile which is adrift  
in his boasting of material possessions.  
His profile pictures shows him riding a  
BMW. and other pictures are abound in  
showing him attending happening parties and  
hangouts!  
The last post of his facebook  
however reads I Quit!

Sociologist Mitoa posits: "Suicide is not a mere death of an individual, it is a death of ~~a~~ a soul, a dream, a potential!"

He further attests: "What is deeply poignant is that with such unfortunate incident, a collective death happens! The individual dies! but with him his whole family dies! We must prevent this at all cost! We must shift from a culture of reaction to a culture of prevention! Prevention is not only more humane than cure; it is also more cheaper."

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Socialist & Humanistic researchers Brown ~~deeply~~ said "Such incidents must open our eyes! Our teenagers are living under ~~strain~~ enormous meaningless strain - societal strain, emotional ~~strain~~ strain, psychological strain. we must consider ~~our~~ ~~students~~ that ~~our~~ our teenagers need to be ~~rescued~~ rescued. We need immediately form this vulnerable environments. Engrossed



in materialism, they ~~also~~ eschew spiritualism. We must carefully look and observe signs of symptoms. Our ~~teenagers~~ teenagers have become a mechanized robot a robot that often malfunctions! We express our emotions aggressively & negatively when we are not supposed to. We get angry over trivial things! ~~but~~, but interestingly we suppress our emotions when we need to. We seemingly embrace a culture of materialistic narcissism. ~~and~~ A culture of schandenfreude engulfs our teenagers. We ~~seemingly~~ seemingly click selfies with a ~~dying~~ man on the verge of dying in a road accident. ~~Such~~ Such mental abnormalities seemingly translate into our collective consciousness and, it seems suicide is a fashion! At least the frequency of ~~the~~ "I Quit!" status update seems so! "

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Such unfortunate incidents are a real eye opener. It is an alarm bell of the societal disintegration!

Regular stress relieving and counselling session may come to our rescue.  
We urgently need to shift from a materialistic culture to a more spiritualistic culture. We need to reflect on look our psychological as well as ~~spirit~~ physical health and well-being. Here again Gandhi's universal

talisman may come to our rescue.  
Gandhiji said :- When we are on the verge of committing certain thing (say suicide) we must think of the most weak and down-trodden people. Will our action ~~bring~~ be of any benefit to them? Will my action help them out of poverty? If not, then that action is spiritually, morally, ethically wrong!

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The situation is quite alarming. and we need to take pro-active steps and prevent teenagers from taking this extreme step. ~~Here~~ The Nero's quest refers to a horrifying historical event

Q1

Ans



when Nero burnt alive humans to illuminate  
a party he had thrown and name of his  
guests protested! If we keep ignoring  
the suicides of our teenagers & students  
shunning them that they couldn't handle stress!  
then we are no better than Nero's  
guest.

Q1) Dialogue among two friends relating  
"Civil Service Day" observed by the  
state recently.

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Ans  
The recent "Civil Service Day" was  
held with both grand and pomp in  
West Bengal and here is the dialogue  
between two friends <sup>X & Y</sup> who ~~attended~~,  
after attending the Civil Service day.  
reflected on the same.

X :- Well Mr Y, how did you like the event  
that unfolded today! Isn't it  
very encouraging for civil servants like  
us that such events are celebrated  
with such grand and pomp?

Y:- Well Mr X - Is it extremely exhilarating to be a part of such an event. It is also very encouraging to know that proactive steps are being taken in streamlining the Civil service. It will not only benefit the civil servants like us. But on a whole, the society at large will be hugely benefited.

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X:- ~~Yes~~ Yes such streamlining is really a welcoming step! Such streamlining will help us come out with innovative delivery model. The public at large will be hugely ~~delivered~~ benefited, and we at large will be able to provide ~~quick~~ deliverables quickly and efficiently. It ~~is~~ is very important to do away with the bureaucracy and ~~red~~ red-tapism that have plagued the system.



Y:- I am truly reminded of Jefferson's advice to the administrators.  
"I hope our wisdom will grow with our power, and teach us that less we use our power, the greatest wisdom will be." We need urgency to do away with unnecessary procedural red-tapism. Also nepotism is plaguing our system. and the Chief Ministers' assurance to deal with complaints regarding such matters is welcoming as well as encouraging.

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X:- Yes, true said, we have ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> extreme important role to play in societal development. We must ensure and perform our duty with unflinching ethics. Such events like Civil Service Day are very important and it not only raises our collective consciousness but also boosts our morale.

Y:- What more it establishes a true communication model. It serves as a forum, where we can communicate and vent our feelings on various issues. Such days ~~are~~ ~~not~~ should not only be symbolic in nature. They shape us

definite social, political and psychological functions in shaping up collective consciousness. I am ~~deeply~~ reminded about Mohit Bhattacharaya ~~who~~, ~~was~~ ~~maxim~~ who stressed that it is of utmost importance that Civil servants get guided by two maxim - condition of neutrality and condition of anonymity.

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X :- Hence I feel; we are enthused by the constitution of India by a greater and much ~~more~~ more divine responsibility! We are guided by a ethical, political and social contract and serve people and do best that ~~best~~ brings the "greatest benefit to the greatest number of people."



Y:- I think on this day, the Civil service must embrace a more bottom-up approach. As Gandhi stressed on a self-generating sustaining bottom-up approach.

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X:- Well Mr. Y, it is my pleasure talking to you. Come let's ~~catch up~~ have ~~for a cup of tea~~ a cup of tea, before we depart.

Y:- My pleasure Sir!

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