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Section - A (Essay I)

- Not all Who Wander Are Lost.
- Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play.

b. Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play.

During medival era, European countries were facing huge mother mortality post child-birth.

It was a common phenomenon - a new life took one as sacrifice.

By long experience and observation Dr. Ignaz semmelweis came to know that it was due to simple problem of Hand hygiene. However, he had no theory to prove it. He was declared a mentally ill patient and sent to mental hospital and died within 2 weeks. Few years

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later, Luis pasture gave germ theory. But again he had no experience and evidence, again not accepted. But then microscope was invented and pasture gave evidence of germs. Hence maternal mortality greatly reduced.

The lives and work of both Sommerweis and pasture give the essence of the topic that, "experience without theory is blind but theory without experience is mere intellectual play." That's why mere experience and mere theory have less importance in most of the life situation.

Now, let us first understand what really meant by "experience without theory is blind"? Simply answering it as, learnings, doing

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task and action in real life scenario without any base, vision, objective, factual evidence and insightful thought is like daydreaming and Blind.

very similarly " theory without experience is just intellectual play." This means that just following any opinion, philosophies, factual objectives and not putting it in action is of no use. It will be just ideal, utopian, compassionless and understanding less intellectual play.

It is now clear that wisdom of the topic is about experience without theoretical base is like a blind date with nothing and reverse like ~~ex~~ theory without experimental base is just ideal mind game. Both experiment and

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theory are intersecting one. Their positive intersection give fruitful results and meaning in our life.

Let us first analyse how experience without theory is blind and who all have done this blindly in their lives.

To begin with, action of any individual need some theory or guiding objectives to remain aligned. If one just follow action in haphazard manner than not end up with good results. It is similar like "Thought without action is daydreaming while action without thought is just nightmare".

This explain that any experience must have some backing theory, otherwise it ends up in blind date.

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A good point in case is about story of Mohammad Bin Tughlaq. He was known for his 5 experiments. He did shift his capital from Delhi to Doldabad in South India. But suffered a huge loss. Then he went for token currency experiment. He replaced silver based currency with copper based currency. Huge inflation devastated the entire market. Similar were other experiments.

This shows how Tughlaq did experience that without theory and suffered a lot. The same is depicting in our Sports culture. We are promoting more local sports. But due to lack of good trainers, exact evident policy implementations,

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We are not getting desired results. This shows how experience without theory is blind.

This is very evident in our social setup and reforms process. India follows democratic secularism. This ensure effective respect, promotion and protection of all religions. But at the same time it reform bad and unreasonable practices.

In Shyama Bano case 2017, Supreme court argued that long experience of triple talaq without

any concrete theory based on essential religious practice is unconstitutional. Because it violate basic fundamental rights of right to life and personal choices. That's why triple talaq was struck down. It shows how without any

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logical ideologies, experience are just blind imitation of historical traditions.

This is even true in caste based reforms challenged by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

What is true at individual and ~~national~~^{societal} level is also true at national level. China's Belt and Road initiative (BRI) is experiment with false theories of other nations prosperities. Initially African and South American countries were not able to recognise it. But now they understood that this was experiment for China's personal gain. There is no such theory can development for all.

This leads to change in their strategic ties now towards India. This is evident in recent

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Hon'ble prime minister Narendra modi's longest visit to global south nations. That's why experience without theory is blind.

Let us now look at other aspect of it, that is now theory without experience is also a just intellectual play.

First, following just theory and unproven thesis and not putting in them in action is just Utopian. One can establish any such theories which might not be good and effective in real life.

Because any theory is sharpened by putting it into real life scenario.

A good point in case is about intellectual development during mahajanyad period. more than 64

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philosophies were existing at that time. But we know and follow only few. majority failed due to lack of any real life meaning.

Buddhism and Jainism captured theories essence and explained to people. That's why this became major religion today. Thus, just theory is intellectual play but not an enduring game.

very similar was evident in story of Alfred Wegener. He gave theory of continental drift.

But futile experiment and evidence like tidal force, gravity and others were not able to explain it. Thus just remain a Theory.

Moreover, just theoretical and rigid ideology fails in real life scenario over time. This

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is true for max weber neutrality based administration. With passing time need for compassion, emotional intelligence was rejected by him.

That's why just following old theories and not experimenting / updating it is also a intellectual play and failure.

However, it is not always true that opposite views not hold importance at all. let us see how it is also important.

Many argues that sometime experience is also important even without theoretical basis. It infact give rise to new theory. The story of Siddharth Gautam after renunci-ation and many wondering events holds importance. He experience many thing that realised importance of deep meditation. Thus he got enlightenment.

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Similarly theories like existence of god, god particle experiments in CERN, climate change theories in 1970's were lacking evidence. But theories gave birth to evidence. That's why sometime it holds true that even theories without experience is not always intellectual play.

However in major picture above counter aspects are few exceptions. That's why wisdom of the topic is true reality of human life. We are not able to follow such wisdom due to our ignorance and blind experiments.

To follow this noble ideals in our life one must follow the words of socrates that "An unexamined life is not worth living. Balancing both

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theories and experience is true wisdom in our life.

Rounding off, it is the true feature of human life that only doing experiences without any ideological backing is blind race. At the same time, following only theories without any experiments and actions is futile and intellectual play. For visionary decisions and life both interaction is very important.

Looking ahead towards future, we need to balance between theories and experiences in every sphere of our life. An individual, society, nation and whole world can't ignore such important aspects as was did with summit weis and pasture. Because this long journey from human being to being human require¹² balance of both.

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Section - B (Essay II)

- a. The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history.
b. Forests Precede Civilizations And Deserts Follow Them.

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The developmental history of global environment and biodiversity is millions of years old. From Big bang theory to glaciation and finally warming of earth by green house effect was a chain of events. Due to warming of earth it leads to biodiversity growth and one of them is forests. Gradually human beings started settlement by removing forested areas. They settled on the banks of rivers. Such development led to 1st civilisation in India in the form of Indus valley civilization.

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(IUC). The cultural development reached to its epitome. Thus civilization. But many theories like earthquake, drought, flood and what not, leads to decline of holly civilisation. The land was replaced by barren deserts.

The story of IUC give view about topic that human civilisation is the continuous ongoing process. It started from forests to peak of civilization and again come back to deserted territories. - Ghost territories.

To understand this chain of transition let us explain what are the meaning of terms. Forests are the primary producer ecosystem which is very highly biodiverse.

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it can include mangroves, tropical forests, temperate forests, corals, alpine forests and cold forests.

It depicts ecological balance, flow of energy and balanced food web. While deserts are opposite to it. It is completely infertile, barren-waste land. It is in fact least productive end results of natural and climatic - human activities.

At the same time a beautiful human progress in between forests and desert is the so called civilisation. It is cultural zenith in each sphere of life. The human civilisation is sophisticated in socio-political, economic, cultural, artistic, philosophical and other fields. The Mesopotamian and Chinese civilizations were some of them.

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It is now clear that topic explains chain of events in chronology begins with forests to civilization and lastly to desertified land. This process is both human mediated and natural. So human can intervene to stop cycle from civilisation to deserts.

Let us first understand how forests precedes civilisation and then it proceeds to deserts.

After the glaciation event, forests were developed due to interaction of biotic and abiotic factors. Gradually human being started settling in forests. They adopted and develop evolutionary practices to remain stable. But always some external factors play role and

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led to destruction.

A good point in case is about settlers in Australia. This European colonisers started subsistence farming. Gradually they started Animal husbandry. But local grass nutrient cycle was defective. They identified defective insects behind it. Then they grow as huge developed economy. The Australian civilisation impacted many. But not longer. Today, due to rapid industrialisation, coal burning and rapid urbanisation, soil is degrading. The way towards desertification. Thus what started from forests proceeds towards deserts.

Another reason could be the philosophy of identifying forests and other reserves as "NATURAL

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RESOURCE POTENTIAL" and human as just trustees of this resources. But gradually zeal to develop more, materialistic feelings, imperialism and nation-state theories promoted Nationalism.

This events converted to individualism at national and global level. Each civilisation promoting them superior than other. More resources destroyed in this race. But the process was so unsustainable that - end was catastrophic and functional anarchy only.

World War I and II is for instance depicting the cruel sequence of forest to civilisation and then to desertified global places. The greater civilisation of

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Japan post Meiji restoration in 1860's,
Germany Jews civilization destruction,
Britain, France and almost European
countries once civilized come to
an end due to war loss. This
even put question in mind that
was that a civilization?

The answer is simple, it is false
which look at this - decides
personally. This shows how
forests to civilisation and they
path to deserts is our collective
history.

Now, let us examine
why this process is unidirectional
and why it is not possible
to break at place between
civilization at desert in the
chain?

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To begin with, As per the philosophy given by Thomas Hobbes, human being are doing any action in their selfinterest. Even this selfinterest is highly subjective. Anytime it converted to selfish interest. And may a time driven by peer competition.

For instance, Amazon rain forests were in more than 14% of global land area. But agricultural expansion, sugarcane and rubber plantation has led to contraction of forest land to just 6%. Though there is development in Brazil society but on long run this unsustainability leads to destruction in the forms of drought, climate disasters and desertification.

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Thus, Brazilian civilization was preceded by forest but now ^{are} following by deserts.

secondly, very nature of environmental coexistence is replaced by human as dominant species.

This led to holistic to compart-
mental approach. Small pockets of such civilisational sectors in the globe are at the blink of collapse due to unsustainability.

A good point in case is about the story of chinese ghost cities. Rapid sharemarket boost, fast urbanisation, removal of forests and unplanned expansion can never be long living. Current climate change at more than expected level,

rapid decline in soil fertility, faulty investment collapsed and new northern chinese areas are replaced by huge debtful housing and shrinking economy. This shows how so called chinese civilisation of elephata is collapsing to deserts. This clearly explain that chain breaking between civilisation and desert is not possible due to faulty process itself.

However, Above challenges of linear process can be overcome by cycle, web model of development and by sustainable Practices. Let us see what can help us to maintain our civilisation to its peak.

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The global shared responsibility towards sustainable dialogue and diplomacy with local effective action every civilization can prosper. Every countries, specially developed and major developing countries need to follow conventions like, Born challenge, UNCBD, UNFCCC and UNCBD collective and interlinked nature.

By following polluter pay Principles, CBDR and shared global responsibility environmental, conflict related and peaceful chaos can be solved. This helps us to have civilisation to its zenith everyday and not towards deserts. This is in line with Buddha's thought that "What we think, we become"

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Summing it up, it is very clear that the process of civilization is preceeded by forests and followed by deserts. Any nation, society, organization and families can't reverse it without mindful use of natural resources. collectively we have to work hard and in harmony to survive as a great human civilization.

Looking forward, the globe is engulfed in civilization cravings. But this compartmentalisation is destroying our forests and natural resources and limiting future generations need. The insights needed from within to reduce materialism and promote spiritualism. Because at the end "we have enough for our need but not for our greed." Need of the hour ²⁴ is to control this greed to prevent desertification like what happened with JVC.

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Q.No:



Idealism
Lustling
Greed
Apathetic
lack compassion
less understanding

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learnings,
experiments,
good & bad events

Daydreaming
faith based
not
Process/evidence
driven

Base
Vision
established philosophy
Opinion by legends

Action
Doing task
Real life situation

Thesis
facts & objects
Truth
Thought
without strategy
without objective
hard mentality

" Thought without Action is daydreaming
Action without thought is nightmare. "

Experience - Theory = Belief

① just day dreaming but not
actual directed approach.

eg) Muhammad Biri Tegalag
experimentations, writing multiple exams, Proper
Judicial sports without training

② not process driven / not effective

Society → triple talag in styxabaw case
Sabaxi mala } no proper reasoning

purity & pollution ⇒ challenged by Ambekal
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no Reasoning / established theory.

③ Organisational & Wahiy

Working → BRI and ghana = Exploitative
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Q.No:

Theory - Experience

- ① Idealism ⇒ not able to achieve in life.
 ⇒ multiple > 64 philosophers ⇒ fastest
Buddhism ⇒ Accepted ⇒ Experiments ⇒ social
understand + Theory ⇒ evaluate
life understand.
Alfred Wegener: continental drift theory
geography.

- ② less compassionate / less EI / less understanding

"putting one's legs in other shoes"
 give real understanding of other"

⇒ Max Weber's neutrality best = Bureaucracy

+ experience of emotions = negated

can't use an & ei.

Theory of corruption by topdown / design

not experienced ⇒ failed

intellectual or rig
reality etc.

Center

- ① Experience is also imp without theory.

→ through theory on.

⇒ Buddha's renunciation - multiple
theories → use of limited experiences
on theory center.

- ② Experience & all life = Relationship /
Personal life

- ③ Theory - experience

⇒ god existence

⇒ climate crisis (1970's)

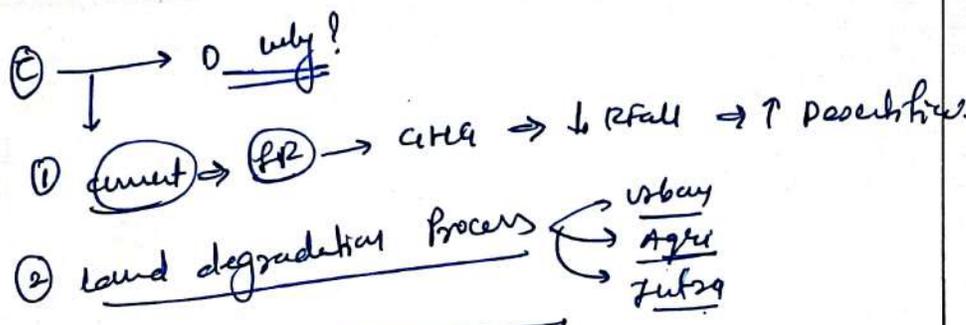
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Deserted



Eg

Sahara
Desert
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China's ghost cities
glaciers melting → cold deserts

③ unsustainability, carrying capacity of ecosystem

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solution

- ① Bonn Convention - net neutrality targets.
- ② UNCED, UNCED, VNCEE
- ③ ~~net~~ emission limit
- ④ planned, Binding, SDG, polluter pay, global collaboration.

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