

**ESSAY**

Time Allowed: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 250

**Instructions to Candidate**

- Both sections are compulsory.
- Attempt an essay from each section.
- Each essay carries 125 marks.
- Write each essay in about 1000-1200 words.
- After finishing the first essay, attempt the next on a fresh Page.
- Any page left blank in the answer-book must be crossed out clearly.

*(Examiner will pay special attention to the candidate's grasp of his/her material, its relevance to the subject chosen, and to his/ her ability to think constructively and to present his/her ideas concisely, logically and effectively).*

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**SECTION - A**

1. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
2. Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else.
3. Where words fail, music speaks.
4. Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them.

**SECTION - B**

1. The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.
2. Achieving life is not the equivalent of avoiding death.
3. The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.
4. Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

**Remarks**

## SECTION-A

2. "Everything is funny, as long as it is happening to somebody else."

Laughter which is but succour in pain, emotions and feelings which are best expressed with happiness and bliss. Funny which is associated with situations of mockery, laughter or acts which brings spontaneous smile to your face. Funny events which instill a deep impact on human psyche and are engraved in closet of memory which brings joy and happiness in events of distress.

Funny events which though funny has an element of dichotomy to it which results in funny memories for the receiver but it may not be so for the person at whom the act is being played upon. The person who may be associating it with a memory of pain, anguish, embarrassment which results in making it funny only for whom the act is being only watched for. Funny events, thus has a funny bone for the person enjoying it and not the person who actually participates in it.

Remarks

The tendency of events being funny may be a life changing experience whereas for others it may be a person at the wrong place and at the wrong time.

These life altering experiences for people become phase wherein they realise their mistake, sharpen their wits and brace themselves for the next round of struggle. Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa was often mocked upon and passed off as a funny maniac who proposed funny propositions of putting you left face forward if slapped on the right. These may be sounding funny for people but Mahatma had a soul stirring experience.

In personal lives of individuals be it a Mahatma or a common person on street some events in life become embarrassing situations but for bystanders it's their share of good laughter for the day.

Children fighting, slapping each other may be looking cute for the parents. Person slipping off a peel of banana and spraining his leg too has an element of funny vein to it. This though may be a pain staking experience for the person for whom it may be a butt of laughing stock experience which is better avoided.

Remarks

Individuals failure at his consistent perseverance for a goal becomes demotivating as it may make people to take him less seriously and doubt his credibility. The lightning which struck Edison's laboratory made him go virtual bankrupt for his contribution wherein media called him a unfortunate scientist meeting a funny end. But these pain strengthened him and it is this journey which made him share space in comity of scientist. Same as Edison we in daily life face challenges for our failure and may end up a funny end for others.

The instances which make individuals embarrass and feel pain are the ones which change their destiny to never return. These challenges greater they are, makes the person even stronger and takes him to a strong emotional paradigm wherein his attitude towards life changes for good. These moments of fun laughter for others are laced with immense stirring of individual at personal level of emotions and embarrassment. Individuals are shaped of these events and its not wrong wherein people say man is a result of circumstances, funny or ugly.

Remarks

The challenges of dichotomy is not limited to individual level but it transcends to community and national levels as well. In India what we have as funny jokes especially based on a specific community i.e. Sikhs. These funny anecdotes may not be funny at all for persons who receive these with humility and may be target of untoward humiliation and reprisal. The alienation and targeting of a specific community has altered the dynamics of social relations in society. The funny events does not remain so for the community which doubts their intellectual credibility.

These community based targeting did not even spare tragedy like colonialism. wherein the funny Indian perception of Great Indian Kope tricks, mystics, land of snake charmers still pervades the dominant perception in Europe. Indians, which feeling humiliated by miniaturisation of their achievements and even alienated and segregated by these deep seated biases in country of gentlemen. The country which has reached the moon still faces challenges to prove its credentials just to have its share of respect and dignity.

Remarks

This element of so called "trolling" has crept in crevices of social media. The life of individuals in public and private sphere is almost blurred especially for influential personalities. They are constantly under the microscope for their acts, speeches and are stayed for any genuine lapse or error which is humanly justified. The influential personalities though having public functions to perform but they lose their privacy and any lapses, mistakes in private life is exploited by making humour out of it and exploited commercially as well.

Nations at their magnanimous levels are often challenged by the failures and claims of hollow grandeur. The specific case of India wherein the funny anomaly of 1.2 crore people still lagging in many frontiers of sports especially olympics wherein smaller countries do better than 16% of humanity. India which having been victim of these funny analogies is embarrassed of not considering its past history of colonialism and continuous exploitation for 200 years which is overlooked and vast challenges which seems more important were taken on priority rather than sports.

Remarks

The same broad generalisation of countries and communities to suit their perceptions is most evident in case of minorities in all nations across globe. Mocking their physical attributes, religious practices, dialects, accent all accounts for funny generalisation but what is left that these act as grave violations for the communities who are alienated further to specific locations in cities and ghettos. The minorities are usually the result of large scale persecution of the past which seeking shelter is further distressed by these funny remarks.

The funny remarks, tricks and witty statements though makes the moment one of joy and pleasure but the latent discontent burst and erupts taking the role of civil wars and riots in many countries from time to time. World wars were the result of these deep seated distrust of nationalities which makes the ruptures and even broad fracturing of nations creating divides never to be bridged across. The recent Brexit vote too was based on this perception of Great Britain pride and superiority over other mortal civilizations

Remarks



The individual responsibility has to be important wherein the freedom of free speech and expression has to be exercised with restraint and be sensitised of others emotions and feeling. The communities across the nations feels a sense of security in events of peace and calm. The brief moment of laughter and funny incident is not to be compromised for individual dignity, bringing hatred, negative attitude and bias towards one another. It has to be exercised with great responsibility and sensitization.

The fun element is conversation has to be compliant with community and national identities not crossing the funny line to that of hatred. The globalising world wherein the freedom of speech has been amplified by provisions of forum like social media, internet which provides very small reaction time for course correction. It has to further strengthened by more community interactions, dialogue and at individual level with more responsible upbringing and inculcation of values. This has to be made with more tolerant behaviours across communities and identities.

Remarks

Funny it may sound, but the real fun is to be tolerant and mere accommodation. The dictum of diversity inculcating accommodation needs to be adhered to in letter and spirit. This realisation that being funny with responsibility and garnering of no propaganda as it being done in today's world just to seek quick recognition must be avoided. It must be collective responsibility wherein the broad castigation and condemnation of events which are badly motivated be taken care off.

It is the perception of people towards joke and their intended intentions which matter. Funny comments among friends are not taken seriously but it is the remarks with intention of embarrassment which matter. It needs to be realised that everything looks funny until you are not participating in it directly. This broad difference and acceptance of this trend has to be respected, inculcated and made part of daily discourse without hurting sentiments of fellow human beings.

Remarks

SECTION-B.

4. Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake"

The Chinese magnum opus of Art of War has lesson dealing with enemy which focuses on leadership skills of leaders to realise the follies of the enemy and let them continue it. This wisdom continues to be practised across the spheres of life and is being used by wise leaders, generals, heads to get their objectives and waiting for opportune moment by striking the iron when it is hot. The enemy by making mistake eases your journey.

The mistakes repeated as part of deliberate action, policy will fail and helps the opponents to get their objectives. This is valid for all the wars deciding the fate of human destinities, diplomacy, personal sphere of life and daily political price struggle in democracy. The art of leaving the enemy to commit mistake is seldom mastered by opponents - and needs to be exhibited by realisation, patience and convincing the political masters and their error correction.

Remarks

The battle is half won when enemy is struck at its weakest link in the chain which is further weakened by the mistakes committed by your adversary to strengthen your stand. This has to further stepped up with all kinds of readiness be it social, political, economic to be supported by opportune timing of striking and taking advantage of enemy. These mistakes cut across strategic, military, political, economic domains and can be any dimension which furthers the vulnerability of enemy to adversary to take advantage of.

### Wars: moment of weakness

In the times across the generations wars had been used by kings, rulers to unite their diverging societies and rally behind a common enemy. The war itself is the biggest mistake which the enemy commits to strengthen its base. The decision to open war across the enemy lines results in fracturing and draining of resources and is used as a mode to justify excesses of the state which has seldom paid and results in grave misgivings:

Remarks

The famous strategist and war general Napoleon too had been the victim of this mistake which created and complicated problems. The invasion of Russia not recalling and respecting the cold climate was responded by Russia by just allowing the French forces to continue unabated which perished to hunger and chill. This similar mistake was created one century later by Hitler which too met the same fate. Thus Russia turned out to be graveyard of French and German forces which were possible contenders for world supremacy which was possible by Russians to allow mistakes of their enemy.

War is art of deceit and it this guerrilla warfare too which was used by generals across the period to carry their struggle and this was resulting in they being underestimated by their enemy. The mistake of enemy which carried huge armies, bulky supplies and slow mobilisation were mistakes which were harped upon by guerrilla warfare generals who <sup>carried</sup> lightning raids and swift in their movement carried their struggle on this strategy and in hostile terrain which created and lead to repeated mistakes by their enemies.

Remarks

Struggles lead by mistakes.

The struggles for dignity, freedom, autonomy and asserting their right over others were strengthened by the mistakes carried on by their masters. The Indian struggle was a classic example wherein the mistake of British allowing formation of Congress lead to formalising their demands and justified their struggle. The British assertion and dominance not allowing the Indians to occupy administrative post further alienated this section and further this section provided leadership to the masses. Education policy of colonialist too helped gain struggle strong foothold of nationalism.

These habit of committing mistakes has further defined Indian destiny wherein the country facing war with its neighbour in 1971 took advantage of mistake committed by its adversary to break the two parts of Pakistan providing for perpetual peace and stability in the country. These events are further cemented by masterful diplomacy and act of alienating and further aggravating the pain of enemy so that it commits a pain in desperation.

Remarks

The wars were also fought on arenas of sports wherein the strategy and allowing the enemy to work according to plan and commit mistake was essential.

Don Bradman in his strategy of using weather reports and choosing of bowlers unawarlingly was applauded and studied till now. The art of sledging, using assertive tactics are used by teams to enrage and make the players low to emotional line rather than rational decision making. The psychological gameplan is primarily based to allow enemy commit mistake to be exploited.

### Economic domain

The mistakes of strategy by enemy is nowhere more explicit than that of the economic domain wherein here the decision of countries, companies are more difficult to revert. The wars of companies engaging in brand wars and maligning their image is constant phenomenon. The companies adopting unethical practices, substandard quality and professional misconduct among its employees has a huge cost to entail in the current times of social media wherein even genuine mistakes too can be far damaging.

Remarks

The economic strength is basic backbone of the country wherein the economic crisis takes phase of political crisis, social disruption and harmony. The space race between US and USSR was based and exploited by US perfectly knowing that USSR with its weakened economic structure which was primarily agricultural couldn't sustain a prolonged space war which resulted in USSR still committing the mistake and draining the resource which was scarce in country and to be used for welfare.

The professional and business ethics are compromised which results from economic competition and need to dominate the market and need to say this degeneration results in practices which gets entrenched in this struggle. The 2008 financial crisis resulting in financial giants collapsing was results of compromising the business ethics and practices which was exploited by other counterparts especially in Europe and China waiting for the moment to strengthen their position.

Remarks



### Mistake in Individual paradigm

The mistakes too prone costly even to individuals who may succumb to pressure and engage in practices not worthy of their chair. Even the famous personalities too committed mistakes and had unceremonious exit. from their offices primarily taken opportunity by their enemy like Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Winston Churchill and Napoleon. This points out to the need to engage in ethical and rule based framework rather than all out struggle.

The mistakes though are sometimes costly and irreversible. what aggravates the problem is the current system of information transmission which amplifies, glorifies and creates a mole of a speck.

The need for having a responsible conduct wherein mistake if genuine need to be apologized and giving no opportunity for opponents to exploit.

The reasons of competition has a darker side as well resulting in practices which are unhealthy tough and creates nexus among people which creates vested interest.

Remarks

The need for mistakes to be exploited is quite natural being a part of competition be it war, struggle, economic paradigm. It is sensible practice and rule based framework which provides insurance against those practices of lapses of conduct and mistakes are not great to be creating irreparable damage. The mistakes of enemy though creates opportunities of exploitation but has to be kept only in accordance with professional practice and ethical conduct.

The line between public and private life of people need to be maintained. This will help in creating a dignified atmosphere to be carried forward across spectrum. The degrading value of morals and increasing material values are partly to blame. The enemies will remain, mistakes will happen but it is the integrity and commitment of individuals and nations to cause which may help in standing over crisis and reduce the damage to the minimum.

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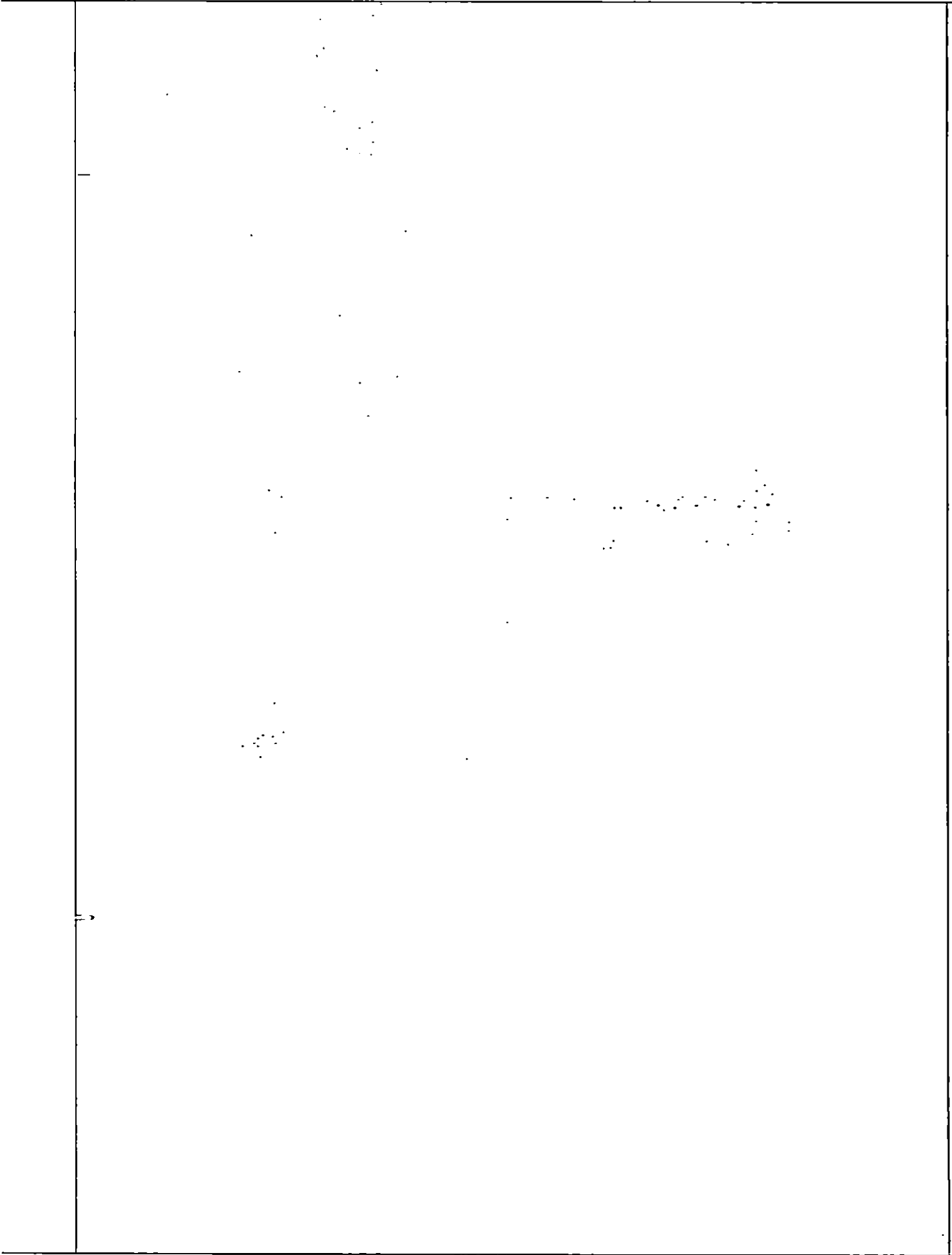
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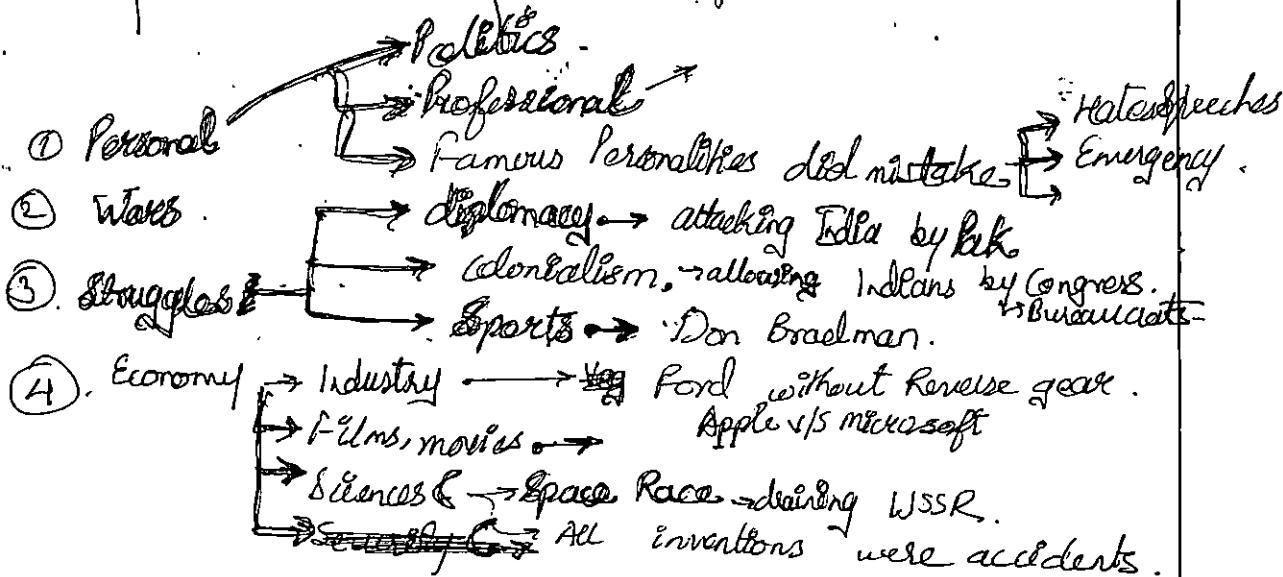
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"Never intercept your enemy when he is making a mistake"

- Enemy
- Napoleon → allowed by Russian
- Bismarck's diplomacy.
- British's mistake of not letting Indians bureaucrat.
- Sports
- Science
- WWII → Indian traders.
- strike the iron when it is hot.
- Para Prathap in the plains.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wars → Germany in WWII.</li> <li>• Social</li> </ul>	<p>Politics, Power,</p>	<p>Industry Sciences</p>	
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Remarks

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- Cerebral Tragedy / Sports
- Embarrassment in public
- War → Napoleon
- Dream → Scientist.
- Fallen down
- If something happens to you?? → not funny
- Weight Issue, Short Height, Weird.
- If really funny → then no embarrassment for other.
- Pain, anguish, jealousy makes you get impulsive → then funny.
- Human Psychology
- Political elections → expose scam
- If something personal disclosed, shame, guilt.

• Culture of Jokes, Sardars.  
 • Pain behind the storyteller.  
 • Failure consistently.  
 • India at Olympics!?!?

India's failures which are funny.

- Colonialism → shame, funny
- Indian pol history
- Gandhi
- Naked Indians found funny

Community level.

- Wars
- Politician expose
- Sardars.
- Intrusion of Privacy.

Gender.

Minority.

Individual level

- Profession.
- Sports
- Scientist.
- Personal attributes, summing.
- High ideals → follow dabi

Profession

Nation level.

- Olympics
- ~~EU~~
- African Unity → in shambles.
- EU
- claim of Superpowers!

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Remarks