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Adversity doesn't build character,  
it reveals it

It was 1893, a well dressed, bright lawyer travelling in a First class train in British colony of South Africa. A whiteman objected his presence in first class, despite having valid ticket. The bright lawyer refused to get down, and finally he was thrown out of train in petrormaritzburg railway station.

That man was mahatma Gandhi, insulted at injustice, resolved to fight against British, with the tools of Truth and Non-violence.

This incident reveals the creator of mahatma Gandhi. From this it is clear that Adversity

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reveals the character.

Then what's adversity? Is it always just reveals the character, rather than building?

~~Let us~~ Then what is the character in first place? Why do some people have weak character? How to build a strong character?

Let us explore all these questions in the following paragraphs.

Adversity is an obstacle, hindrance, setback, failures, hostile conditions surrounding a ~~person~~, organization, and nation.

Then Character can be defined as the sum total of values, moral principles, and ethical standards that guides a human behaviour.

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thesis is up to the mark!

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Adversity generally reveals the human character. Because, when an individual, organization, Nation ~~surrounding~~ surrounded by adverse situations responds in one or the other way. This response essentially comes from ones ethical character. Here, we will see how Adversity reveals character

History replete with lot of examples, where obstacles, crisis, cutting, reveals character. Lal Bahadur Shastri harshly criticised USA's Vietnamese invasion, especially back then India was dependent on USA food assistance under PL480 programme. But he didn't succumb to pressure, maintained moral fortitude. ✓

Scientific realm is field where character of scientific fraternity tested very new and

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keywords

Then Thomas Alva Edison failed nearly two, thousands of times to materialize a functional bulb. His failures revealed persistence determined character. good ✓

In the Administration, ethics largely rest upon the character of leader. ~~When~~ there could be many pressures on civil servants to toe the line of civil servants. One such example could be Rajni Sekh Sibal, Haryana Cadre IAS officer.

In 2001, she was ordered to manipulate the results of Junior basic training ~~results~~ teachers results. In return she was promised with bribes, when she was adamant threatened with faking life. But this adversity revealed her character, she didn't bend rules,

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and only conviction of her courage & conviction  
as characteristic feature <sup>good</sup>

Even in the environmental field <sup>has such</sup>  
examples In 1970s people in the Garwal Himalayas  
resisted the attempt of government to felling  
trees. For the advocacy, Sunder Lal Bahuguna  
a Gandhian and his followers started hugging  
trees. It shows their character of respecting  
natural environment.

Sometimes, Adversity not just  
reveals character of individuals, organizations,  
and nations, but also builds character. <sup>good.</sup>

There was a girl in Swat Valley of  
Pakistan, she along with many girls were told

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to not to attend the schools by Taliban  
However, her courage of conviction ~~of~~ convinced her to go to school. Soon, she ~~was~~ was shot by Taliban, but she didn't die fortunately. After this incident many people especially girls stopped going to schools. But she built her character to fight for education of children across the world.

The girls was Malala Yusuf Jai and for her moral character, conviction, commitment she was bestowed with Nobel peace prize. It is a classical example adversity builds character.

Similarly there are many examples where adversity ~~was~~ not only reveals, but also builds character. During Indian National

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movement fiercely fought against colonial rule in India. There was a innocent kid in Punjab, who filled a bottle with soil filled with blood of Jalianwala bagh massacre victims. He is Bhagat Singh, this atrocious face of British made him a revolutionary character.

After Indian Independence, India made efforts to progress scientifically. Two such important realms are Outer Space, and the other is Defence. During early years, Indians were critically dependent on Russians and USA for its space activities.

However, during early 1990s, USA promised Russians not to share cosmic

Reasonable enough  
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technology with Indians. This adversity made Indians so strong in character to build own Cryogenic engines as shown in Rocketry: Nambi effect movie.

Since, Independence there was a tussle between Judiciary and legislature, executive in India. When ~~the~~ India's Gandhi tried to flip the wings of Judiciary people like Justice Channu with strong moral character torpedoed her efforts. Thanks to his efforts India still a democratic Nation.

Then after having seen Adversity not only reveals character, but also builds character. Then new the question is why some people are with very weak characters and



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Others are with strong character.

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Human character is not inborn, but it is evolved through time, it is some sort of beliefs, values of an individuals. Such character is built through good family, Responsible parenting, better schooling, one's religion, society, Constitutional principles and finally Role modelling.

For instance, Gandhiji has strong character, it is due to his family, socialization, religion.

In childhood he took to Smoking, lying etc.

But when he was exposed to Satyagrah through play by his family, ~~he~~ he became embodiment of Truthfulness and non-violence.

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People with strong character is due to effective, healthy childhood, ~~belief~~ belief in ones conscience, good emotional intelligence to accept life as full of opportunities and adversities as said by Salman Rushdie in his Midnight Children. literary work.

On the other hand, people with weak character could be shallow understanding of life, narrow mindedness, selfishness, Lack of moral subtitude to fall prey to temptations.

Even falling prey to power, money reveals

Weak character that is the reason why Abraham

Lincoln said that, if you want to know

a persons character, give him a power

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Therefore, to withstand any adversities, one needs to have to believe in one's consciousness and capabilities. When the world engulfed with Covid-19 pandemic, people like Sanskrit, Idly, Amma showed their moral character when in the face of Covid-19.

Even India, as a nation rose to the occasion to turn adversity into opportunity. India invented Vaccines and supplied to the world. It is the character of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Thus, CHARACTER is one thing that MAKES or BREAKS us in the face of adversity. We should never prefer to

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go with least resistance path, rather moral path, in line with moral conscience, character

Greek philosophers like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle kept emphasis on moral character with values like Justice, temperance, courage etc. Character is something that decides how we behave when we have everything, and when we have nothing.

As Gandhiji said - "When you lose wealth, something is lost,

When you lose health, something is lost  
When character is lost, everything is lost"

It is this character made Gandhiji to stand against British humiliation in Train incident

How to build strong character could have been focused more on very good

Keep up the good work

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History is a vast Early  
Warning system.

In the 20th Century there were two power blocs in the whole world. One is capitalist bloc led by USA and its western European Nations. Another, is Communist bloc led by USSR. However, both of these powerful countries failed to learn from history.

USSR <sup>with</sup> its military might invaded Afghanistan in late 1970s after that it had to retreat ~~humiliatingly~~ due to shameful ~~humiliation~~. Even, USA also invaded Afghanistan in 2001, after 9/11 attack, it also had to retreat due to Taliban fierce fight. Had these not been, Learning about the

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Afghanistan's society's nature from British defeats by Afghans in 19th Century, they would have learned something from it. Here,

the History of Afghanistan is a vast early warning system to USA, USSR, ~~but~~ however,

they fail to learn from it. good point

History is a vast early warning system.

It essentially tries to convey that past is always guide to the future, especially for adverse events, situations, and circumstances.

Is history always guide to the human future? Then why we fail to learn from history? Cause behind it? Then how to learn from history?

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We will see how history worked as a vast early warning system for humanity, where they failed to learn from it. Such examples are rampant in various aspects of human life.

For instance in politics, past is guide to future as an early warning system. politics are war without bloodshed, war is the politics with bloodshed. Global politicians after world war I realized the importance of peace and established League of Nations. However, Jingoism, ultra nationalism led to bloody war in the form of World War II. Here, World War I (History) is a vast early warning system for their leaders.

Even the same holds true now also,

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If we fail to see World War-II, Nuclear bombings in Japan as an early warning system to prevent another war. Humanity will suffer heavily.

In Independent India, there was Gay's Ran, Gay's Ran culture and defections. Then leadership made 56th Amendment Act to prevent defections. However, certain loopholes in the provisions were exploited to promote horse trading. Here political leadership failing to see past as an early warning system.

The modern day development necessitated the westernization, industrialization this had led to deforestation. The increased human animal contacts led to emergence of Zoonotic diseases



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Every now and then WHO containing emergence of new zoonotic diseases. For instance earlier SARS, Ebola spread to many parts of the world. This history acted as an early warning system to emergence of COVID-19 and much more.

Nowadays climate change has become a global phenomenon impacting all major parts of the world. The inability of global leadership fail to recognize the early warning from history. For instance, repeated water crises, Urban flooding, Amazon forest fires, Australian bush fires, Kerala floods guide to future. But we are slow in our response to combat future calamities.

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Apart from Environmental realm, the technological field also has similar lessons to offer. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Industrial revolutions brought sweeping changes in human life. Though to those revolutions displaced humans from employment especially those tasks that require just physical abilities.

But, ~~now~~ they ~~required~~ ~~to~~ ensured adequate employment to human resources that skill requires cognitive abilities. But now, these abilities are being hated due to Big data Analytics, Automation, these danger bells to massive employment not being paid attention by Leaders according to Yuvak Nosh Harami.

V. good arguments

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Besides, politics, social, and environmental realm.

History is a vast early warning system in Global politics too. prior to British colonisation of India, India was nearly account for a quarter of Global GDP. This History repeats going to repeat by 2050 according to global agencies like IMF, World Bank.

first point sign

In the International politics the right seems to be right. After Independence of India, many experts suggested India not to trust ~~the~~ China, owing to its history. But India's goodness in terms of panchshheel brazenly violated by China. Here, though History was a warning system, but we failed to learn from it.

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After having seen certain examples how history is a early warning system to future. Then what ~~is~~ fails to human beings to learn from such past, causes behind such instability?

Firstly, many we as humans tend to downplay the history as a useless story.

For example, when we failed to see Chinese clandestine, cunning behaviour owing to our goodwill gesture, it invaded India in 1962.

Secondly, Lack of Visionary who failed to anticipate the future in both personal, organizational, and national life. If we fail to nurture the adequate ecosystem for entrepreneurship we may miss the bus for 4th Industrial Revolution.

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However, Indian Visionary Leadership after taking warning from history use to occasion. And now promoting start-up ecosystem in India,

Secondly, Human inability to gauge consequences also leads to inefficient. Learning from past.

Thirdly, Some times personal interests also prevents us to learn from past. For instance, political defatians in India, sometimes promoted by ruling parties, and condemned by opposition parties.

Fourthly, Human's incapacity to withstand future uncertainty, inadequate physical, economic, human resources prevents us from doing something about preventing advise past events.

For instance, Kerala Floods and its recurrence,

Good analysis

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but there was Lukewarm response from the government to prevent it...

Sixties / sometimes National interest, ideological stand of people would prevent us as humans to learn from history. To illustrate, the constant animosity between India and Pakistan, fails us to prevent ~~from~~ cross border terrorism. Even, the Deep state adding fuel to the fire.

After knowing reasons for not treating history as a early warning system, the

following measures will be useful for learning

from past effectively. one is being open to learn from past mistakes, at individual, organizational, and national level. Second,

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Keeping public interest over vested interests for greater welfare of humanity. Broadly, Having vision, by shunning parochial attitude. Faithfully, Learning from history necessitates us to move from comfort zone etc.

Therefore, one should treat HISTORY as a guiding light to the future, to build New future, rather replica of past. History always been a good teacher to learn lessons from, but it is our ability that nurtures positive attitude.

As famously said - Those who fails to learn from history, condemned to repeat it. So we shouldn't failed to learn from history, in order to not to repeat it. one should

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be cognizant of the fact that, when we  
discarded the history, history discards us.

So, we should not fall prey to  
be prisoners of the past, to repeat it, Yatsar

Should learn, not to repeat it.

Therefore

"Past should be permanent dimension  
of Human Conscience"

One or two  
examples use  
learners in  
conclusion  
will be  
nice too

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Your analysis & ability to convey is your  
strength

You have v. good potential to score  
very high in essay  
more topics + revise

All the best

Brainstorm  
Context  
No major  
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Issues, upto mark for  
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