



OF VIABLE

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ABSTRACT:

They say everybody's mother is nobody's mother. As such public work always fails due to lack of supervision. An experienced officer always forecasts all public works as not viable. In reality it happens. The officer gets extra credit for his future prediction. Thus a feather is added in his cap without doing anything. The authority thinks him as an expert. Now the question arises: who is an expert? They say an expert is one who complicates simple things. Such an expert enjoys sadistic pleasure when public project fails successfully. Thus public project is always gloriously unviable.

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

ARTICLE

Viable is capable of working successfully. It means feasible. For example: The proposed investment was economically viable.

It means able to work as intended or able to succeed. For example: In order to make the company viable, it will unfortunately be necessary to reduce staffing levels.

It is capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately e.g., viable alternatives.

It is capable of existence and development as an independent unit. For example: The colony is now a viable state.

It is having a reasonable chance of succeeding e.g., a viable candidate.

It is financially sustainable e.g., a viable enterprise.

In Botany it is of a seed or spore, able to germinate. For

example: Most clones can produce thousands of viable seeds.

In Biology, it is of a plant, animal, or cell capable of surviving or living successfully, especially under particular environmental conditions e.g., the largest and most viable population of this endangered vetch.

In Medicine it is of a fetus or unborn child, able to live after birth. For example: What if the fetus were viable?

Viable is variable. It does not or cannot conquer time. Anything which is viable in a particular moment may not be viable in the very next moment. For example: a passenger may avail a vehicle when it is slow in motion, but he cannot get into the vehicle on higher speed. Obviously, an expert person can avail or get down a speedy vehicle. Thus viable is a relative concept. It varies from person to person. Also viable is not culture free. As such something which is viable in a culture may not be feasible in another culture. Thus, viable is influenced by time, culture and person as well.

Some works can be done alone and independently. Here rate of success is 100%. Some works can only be done with the help of others. Here rate of success varies from 0% to 100%. It is not independently viable like the former one. In both the cases adequacy of other ingredients are a must. In the first case the works can be done whenever required. In the second case it depends upon the mercy of third party. If the party is whimsical and its mood and motive are gloriously uncertain then help reaches after long voyage. In case of infinite voyage help never reaches the shore.

Sometimes a third party demands cash instead of help. It is quite a common experience. Sometimes the party takes in kind. An intelligent person is always permanently so kind that he accepts only cash. To him cash is more viable than kind. In fact it is not judicious to show kindness everywhere.

Viable means probable. Possible offers it a hope. Completion completes the circle. Viable does not guarantee cent percent assurance. Yet an optimist dreams with the hope to achieve the goal. An optimist is always positive. He starts any work considering it viable. If the situation changes unexpectedly then he forthwith changes his strategy with his presence of mind and converts the unviable project into a viable one and becomes successful. In contrast, a pessimist thinks always negative. He surrenders always to frustration. He is like some animals those prefer darkness. He cannot bear the brightness of success. He is so cursed.

In share market viability is very important. In business every investment is controlled by one single factor which is viability. A businessman always thinks for ROI i.e., return on investment before any investment. In business, when to purchase, how much to purchase, from where to purchase, from whom to purchase are very important criteria. Similarly, more important is when to sell, how much to sell, where to sell and whom to sell.

In business in every transaction there is the chance of loss. An ordinary businessman thinks for profit. A successful businessman thinks for loss. He is always busy to find the loopholes of the strategy.

A judicious soccer rushes with that ball when goal is sure and certain. If the ball is far from the post and the defence is crowded by so many players then he does not rush foolishly. Rather he changes the situation with his innovative skill so that his effort is viable to score definitely. An ordinary player runs first to last of the match but cannot score a single goal even. In contrast an experienced soccer rushes behind that chance that offers him success. In this way he does hat tricks. His success is cent percent. Thus his is a viable strategy.

In every sphere of life outcome or net result is all and everything. Here success is the main criteria. They say ability without feasibility is also a disability. Financial aspect is the most viable one among all factors.

Viable is an assumption. It means may be. It means may not be also. It is just like future prediction. It is the resultant effect of so many controllable, uncontrollable, known and unknown factors. It has various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well.

Someone may think something viable or unviable, uncertain or inevitable, real or fictitious, bright or bleak, utopian or dystopian. Real picture comes out with the outcome of the venture. As such where there is any doubt instead of argument practical examination is the best avenue to solve the problem. In fact viability of anything depends upon the expertise of the concerned person or person concerned. To someone what seems to be viable theoretically appears as unviable in real life.

A thing is viable. Someone may think it impossible. This assumption depends upon the intellect of the concerned person. An expert may think something viable which a lay man cannot think of it. An ordinary student may think something unviable. He cannot understand the problem. In

contrast a good student can do it easily proving it viable.

Viable is a positive term. An optimist thinks everything possible. A pessimist thinks the opposite. To him everything is impossible. He cannot think anything concrete. To him everything is absurd thereby unviable.

To think something viable it needs stamina. Someone gets stamina by birth. Someone achieves it from real life. Good culture flourishes it. Suitable environment sharpens it. Such a confident person imagines all the steps clearly. He knows planning means thinking before doing. His faculty of mind has clear vision. A weak person lacks in it.

Known matter is viable. Unknown matter is unviable. Occurrence of many events depends on various known and unknown factors. Weather forecast dwells at the threshold in between these two factors. Very few mathematical models regarding forecast are viable. Due to fast advancement of science and technology today's model becomes obsolete tomorrow. The old model becomes not viable further either due to greater cost or more time or both simultaneously.

Both famine and illiteracy are two curses of the civilisation. To eradicate famine and illiteracy many models have failed successfully. One model is replaced by another model considering it more viable. In fact viable model is still a dream. Every model suffers from its limitation.

Every event of this universe is controlled by many factors. The factors may be known, unknown, unheard, unrelated and sometimes unthinkable as well. Omission of consideration even of a single factor does not give the desired result. Then the model is identified as unviable. The researchers again are engaged to propose the new model. In this way the ideal or optimum model is found through trial and error method the best method in any scientific investigation. In fact trial and error method is noted for its thoroughness. It examines all the variables. It is quite democratic in its approach. It values all the variables equally.

Every model must be tested before use in large scale. So judging of viability is a difficult task. It needs much time. It demands painstaking labour. Here guessing sometimes becomes correct. Sometimes it fails. The matter is so complex that a researcher leaves it in the mid way being frustrated.

It seems luck is also a debatable factor. For example, let two researchers propose two different mathematical or statistical models. The first researcher considers some variables and leaves others considering equally likely in nature. The second researcher considers another set of data. Both the models are based on pure guessing. The outcome is one researcher becomes successful and the guessing of other becomes wrong.

Most of the public works are not finished in time. As a result project cost becomes higher than expected earlier. But in case of private works the project is finished in time and sometimes before scheduled period of time even and

obviously with lesser budget. Thus private project is always viable.

CONCLUSION

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