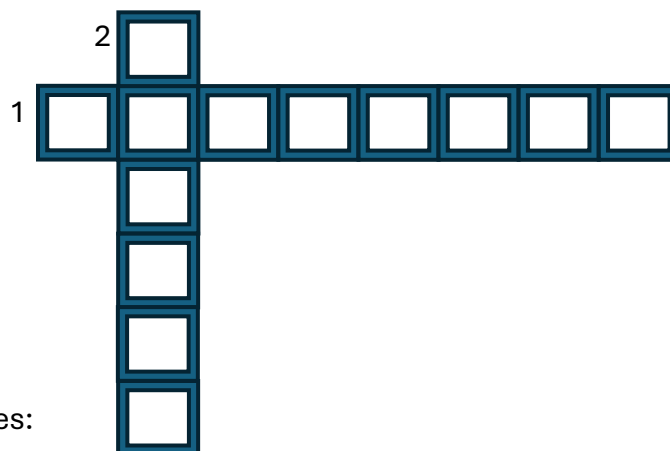


A. Read the passage answer the following questions:

I started my working life soon after our country became independent. The noblest task in those days was to contribute in whatever way we could towards building an India of our dreams-a nation where our people would not only hold their heads high in freedom but would be free from hunger and poverty. A nation where our people could live with equal respect and love for one another. A nation that would eventually be counted among the foremost nations of the world. It was then that I realised, in humility, that choosing to lead one kind of life means putting aside the desire to pursue other options. This transformation took place within me fifty years ago, when I agreed to work for a small cooperative of dairy farmers who were trying to gain control over their lives.

1. Identify the speaker of the specific historical movement/cooperative being referred to in the text. What personal sacrifice did the speaker make to achieve this "noblest task"?
2. The author mentions a nation where people would *"not only hold their heads high in freedom but would be free from hunger and poverty."* Based on this, state one difference between political freedom (independence) and freedom in actuality (socio-economic freedom) as envisioned by the speaker.
3. How did working for a *"small cooperative of dairy farmers"* serve as a practical tool for empowering citizens to gain "control over their lives," rather than just relying on the state for development?
4. Solve the following crossword taking words from the passage:



Clues:

Across : 1 – Synonym of Self-abnegation

Down : 2 – Antonym of Eschew