

COMBINATORIAL INTELLIGENCE™

The Missing Link Between Potential and Peak Performance

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For decades we have searched for the secret behind exceptional performance.

We have measured intelligence.

Studied talent.

Explored personality.

Examined emotional intelligence, resilience, grit, mindset and motivation.

Yet one question continues to puzzle us:

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After more than seventeen years of research through the Global Prodigy Project™, I have become increasingly convinced that we may have been looking in the wrong place.

Intelligence matters.

Talent matters.

Experience matters.

But none of these, on their own, explain exceptional performance.

The missing piece is not another intelligence.

The missing piece is the ability to combine.

To combine awareness with action.

Capability with opportunity.

Potential with performance.

I call this Combinatorial Intelligence™.

Combinatorial Intelligence™ is the capacity to optimise the interaction between potential and opportunity.

It is the ability to accurately read yourself, accurately read the moment, and intelligently combine capabilities, resources, opportunities and actions to maximise performance.

It sits at the intersection of:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Situational awareness
- Decision-making
- Opportunity recognition
- Adaptability

And it determines how effectively we convert potential into results.

Most performance models focus on the individual.

I believe performance emerges from the interaction between the individual and the environment.

Potential exists within the individual.

Opportunity exists within the environment.

Performance emerges from the quality of the interaction between the two.

Combinatorial Intelligence™ governs that interaction.

The highest performers consistently do one thing exceptionally well:

They maximise the moment.

They read the room.

They read the playing field.

They recognise opportunities others overlook.

They make connections others fail to see.

They position themselves effectively.

And they act decisively.

Over time something remarkable happens.

One effective moment creates the next.

And the next.

And the next.

Decisions become habits.

Habits become patterns.

Patterns create momentum.

Momentum creates rhythm.

Rhythm creates flow.

And flow creates the conditions for peak performance.

Flow is not something we pursue directly.

Flow finds us when awareness, positioning, decision-making and momentum become aligned.

Perhaps we have been asking the wrong question.

For decades we have asked:

"How intelligent are you?"

Perhaps the better questions are:

How effectively can you read yourself?

How effectively can you read the moment?

How effectively can you position yourself?

How effectively can you connect what matters?

How effectively can you maximise what is possible?

Because success rarely belongs to the person who knows the most.

More often, it belongs to the person who can most effectively combine awareness, capability, resources, relationships, opportunities and action to maximise the moments that matter.

That is the essence of Combinatorial Intelligence™.

The mechanism through which potential becomes performance.

What if the greatest predictor of success is not what you know, but how effectively you combine who you are, what you know and what the moment makes possible?

Do you believe peak performance is primarily a function of talent and intelligence, or of how effectively we combine awareness, opportunity and action?