

EDUCATION PROMOTES PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELL BEING BY PROVIDING BETTER LIFE

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to explain the role of education on social & economy development. Good education is constructive in nature which constructs our future forever. It helps a person to improve his/her status of mind, body and spirit. It provides us lots of confidence by giving us bulk of knowledge in many field. It is a single and vital way to the success as well as personal growth. We are incomplete without a good education because education makes us right thinker and correct decision maker. We can say that education is socially and personally an essential part of the human life. We cannot ignore the importance of education in our life at any cost. As we see daily in the society lots of social issues just because of the lack of proper education. Social issues like inequality, gender discrimination, religious differences and so many problems are there because of the lack of education in our life. Proper education helps us to maintain the personal and social standards in daily life. Education helps us to be healthy, save many lives, boosts economic growth, earn money, raise quality crop, promote peace in the society, eradicate poverty, remove gender discrimination and inequality, promote women and children rights, bring good governance, remove corruption, make aware about fundamental rights and so many. Education is designed to guide them in learning a culture, molding their behavior in the ways of adulthood, and directing them toward their eventual role in society. Good education does not mean to study hard and get good results however it is to conquer new things for the betterment of whole mankind to understand the relationship between education and society in a healthy way.

KEYWORDS: Education, Society, Social, relationship between Education and Society, Social Development, ethical values

INTRODUCTION

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

A society which is uneducated cannot think on rational lines. In the medieval period, long before the renaissance, people often fought mindless wars that resulted in bloodshed as they were illiterate and ignorant. Importance of education in modern times cannot be understated as it forms an integral part of our lives in following ways

- 1. Education produces good citizens:** Education also produces well-cultured and wise men. It is often said that the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow. If children of today study hard to become good students, then they will surely become good citizens in future. It is not easy to measure the loss which the human race has suffered on account of want of education by men and women who had exceptional talent but could not make full use of it.
- 2. World Citizenship:** Education is a must for world citizenship or global citizenship. Such a person always works for the benefits of humanity. He treats the entire human-race as brothers and sisters. We all acknowledge the importance of education, knowledge and truth for promoting the world outlook.

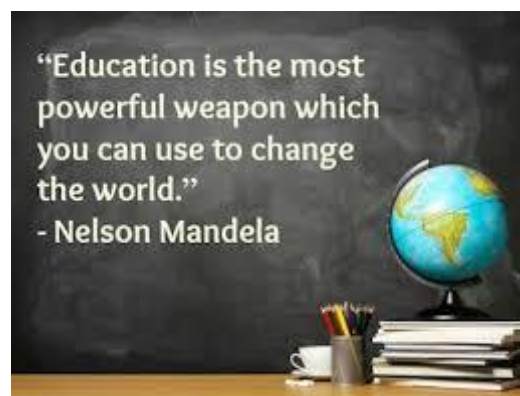


Figure 1

- 3.** Education produces citizens who are men of intellectual and moral integrity, who are neither fanatical nor cynical, but are public-spirited, tolerant and wise. Education aims at producing ideal human-beings. These people are truly cultured, wise, tolerant and public-spirited. Different ages have different conceptions of ideal men.
- 4. Promotes National Interest:** Education also promotes national interest. The highly educated people have a critical intelligence of an exceptional order. They can form independent conclusions from given facts. An educated person has the wisdom and knowledge to work for the

good of the country. The doctors, engineers, scientists, soldiers, police-officers, IAS, etc. all work together in protecting the national interest.

5. **True benefactors of human race:** We must praise great writers, scientists, humanistic philosophers, profoundly religious man with abiding faith in spiritual values, social reformers and other men with a constructive genius because these educated men alone are the true benefactors of the human race.

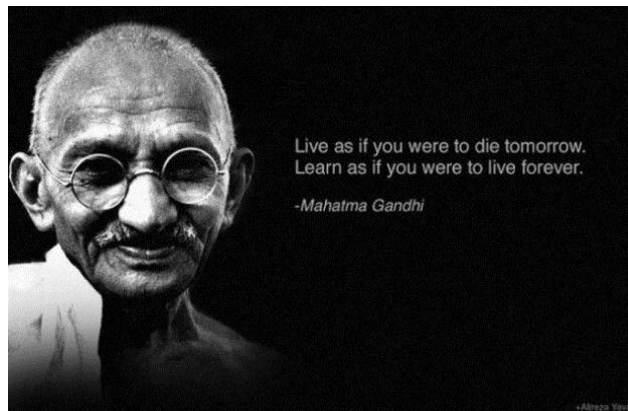


Figure 2

6. **Improve position in society:** All money in the world will not give you satisfaction and prestige as the education can. Women were enslaved and looked down upon due to the lack of education. As they become literate the outlook of the society improved. In fact, if you want to move within the certain segment of the people, it is important to be qualified or get a certain level of education.
7. **Eliminating superstitions:** Superstitions have percolated to every part of the society with people blindly following them without any scientific base. They have existed since ancient times; however, educated person questions the age old customs and practices. He / she don't follow the rituals blindly because change is the name of the game on the planet.
8. **Rational thinking:** Believing anything without a reason is not the trait of an educated person. For instance, a farmer may not able to analyze the fertility of the soil and determine the type of the crops that are to be grown. In olden times, in the absence of research, people used to pray to the rain gods for a good harvest. Therefore, education is necessary to remove the different evils of the society.
9. **Education helps in evolution:** Education plays an important role in the evolution of human life. Television became the household commodity in the 20th century while internet took over in

21st. Advancement in technology is only possible due to the education. Ignorant people are not able to understand the logic behind the natural phenomenon and are not able to develop a vision for the future.

10. Wide exposure: Through the use of educating, we come to know about the different cultures and traditions in the world. It helps people to become more tolerant of each other. Wide exposure enhances the knowledge base of the individuals and prepares them to face the challenges of life in a better manner. In olden times, due to sheer ignorance, foreign travel was considered an unholy activity and people had to undergo a purification process.

11. Independent decision making: Education plays a very important role in decision making by gaining feedback from others. A logical person would plan accordingly before starting any business venture. If you are learned and knowledgeable, it is easier to plan the economic activity and determine whether it is profitable.

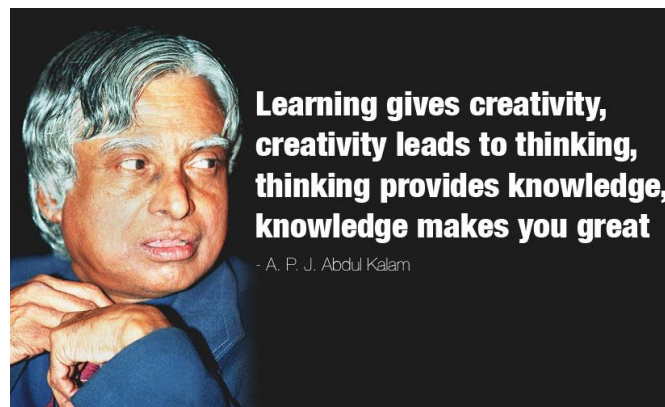


Figure 3

12. Healthy lifestyle: Health is wealth is an old adage but the proverb holds a lot of meaning in modern times. People are now aware of the benefits of the vegetables and fruits however in past they were ignorant due to lack of education. As they are able to read, it is possible to view the blogs related to health on the internet. More and more people know how fresh food provides vitamins and minerals to improve the immune system of the body. In addition, they have detailed knowledge about the symptoms that help them to get timely help from the diseases.

13. Backbone of developing countries:



Figure 4

Education is the backbone of developing countries. Developing countries should understand the importance of education and develop a sound educational system. Sustainable development of economy and society is closely related to education. The most important resource of a nation is its human-capital. Educated people have more understanding of themselves and of the others. They have the ability to become entrepreneurs, scientists and agriculturists. The world of today is driven by Information Technology and education in this field may become a deciding factor for the future economic development of developing countries.

14. Moral, spiritual and ethical values: Educated people promote equality of opportunity. Any privilege, when based on merit alone, is bound to be more moral because it has to justify no unmerited privilege, advocate no ethical system which promotes class-feeling or social snobbery and defend nothing, which is unjust or ethically wrong. The aim of education, whatever the social system, must be not only to disseminate knowledge, but also to stimulate the questioning spirit.

15. Educational institutions cannot produce saints. But they can certainly inculcate among students respect for spiritual and ethical values and make them understand that the promotion of human welfare, not self-aggrandizement, is the end of life. No man, however brilliant, however gifted, can be considered truly cultured unless he identifies himself with the wellbeing of others, unless he has the passion to make the Kingdom of God prevail on earth.

16. Education produces good citizens: Education also produces well-cultured and wise men. It is often said that the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow. If children of today study hard to become good students, then they will surely become good citizens in future. It is not easy to measure the loss which the human race has suffered on account of want of education by men and women who had exceptional talent but could not make full use of it.

- 17. Enjoy life:** Education enables young men and women to develop all the latent powers and faculties of their nature and to enjoy a good life.
- 18. Freshness of approach:** A sound education system encourages freshness of approach. Education should bring out the best in the student, not stifle his mind.
- 19. Transmit national culture:** Education is an important medium to transmit national culture to the students. Of course, educational institutions are not the only agencies through which the culture of the nation can be passed on to the younger generations. The home exercises a powerful influence on the youthful mind. Religion and churches have a big role to play in making men truly cultured and moral. But schools and colleges have also a contribution to make to the transmission of national culture.
- 20. Character:** Education also helps in building the character of a person. The educational teachers make attempts to give their students a moral outlook.
- 21. Literacy:** Education enables a person to become literate. Literacy refers to the ability of a person to read and write. Literacy is important not only for children but also for adults.
- 22. Curiosity:** An educated man should have infinite curiosity, the passion to know and understand things in a scientific way, with complete objectivity.
- 23. Wisdom:** In democratic countries educational institutions earnestly try to arouse intellectual curiosity, satisfy the appetite for more and more knowledge and develop the critical spirit which alone brings wisdom.
- 24. Intellectual discipline:** He cultivates intellectual discipline and intellectual humility. He is an earnest seeker after truth and knowledge with an open mind.
- 25. Seeks perfection:** A truly educated man always seeks perfection. He is not a specialist who has perfected only his body or the intellect or the mind but one who seeks the development of all his faculties.
- 26. Earn a livelihood:** Education enables a boy or a girl to earn his or her living. It is true that employment does not depend upon intellectual attainments alone. It is also determined by the stage of economic development of a country. However, there are chances that an educated person will get a good job with income sufficient to earn him his livelihood. An educated person can easily meet the basic material needs of life.

- 27. Adult Education:** There is a dire need for education among adults. An adult engaged in economic activity can join the night classes and educate himself.
- 28. Using new techniques to improve productivity:** Education is essential to incorporate new techniques to improve the productivity of the employees. For instance, if the workers are not educated, they cannot use the machines which would help to boost the production. In other works, you have to be knowledgeable and skilled in a particular stream to perform various tasks in the modern world. Farmers should also update their knowledge about the new methods of irrigation to make agriculture more effective.
- 29. Ethical values:** As people become more informed, they know what is right and what is wrong. Hence, the society in all likelihood would not resort to wars however ignorance breeds prejudices and hatred. Medieval and the first as well second world wars are the result of biased thinking due to lack of modern and rational education.
- 30. Working in a cross-cultural environment:** An illiterate person may not be able to migrate to an alien land and work with the natives however educated people would take it up as a challenge and do everything to achieve success. It is a wonderful attitude that develops due to the accumulation of knowledge perfectly capable of removing the darkness of ignorance.
- 31. Growth of the country:** Developing nations around the world have achieved 100% literacy. Educated society develops quickly because they are not bounded by the narrow realms of caste, creed, and religion. Instead, it focuses on the problems that hamper daily living. The government elected by the educated citizens service the nation rather than ruling it. A corruption free society is only possible when people are blessed with the true knowledge of life.
- 32. Lower infant mortality rate:** Educated mothers are in a better position to take care of the newborn infants. They consume nutritious food and supplements for the child so that he or she is born healthy. Mother listens to get doctors' advice and gets her kids immunized to prevent the occurrence of life-threatening diseases. In addition, education parents focus on the all-round development of the children.
- 33. Education is responsible for achieving the goals in life:** An ignorant individual would never be able to plan and achieve success. It is only possible with the help of sustained education at different levels. Without the capability to read, write and think, human life is no better than an animal. Knowledge provides numerous means to the people to accomplish the goals. For

instance, if you want to become a successful entrepreneur, it is necessary to get an education about the relevant business domain.

34. Child attending schools are taught under the supervision of capable teachers. They understand the essence of life and gain invaluable knowledge about their surroundings. Fostering basic principles of humanity and reasoning, the modern education is an eye opener for every person on earth. In short, a balanced life and reputed standing in society is only possible with the shining light of knowledge.

35. Education makes people healthier.

- Education helps to save many lives.
- Education boosts economic growth.
- Education helps us to earn money.
- Education helps to raise crop.
- Education fosters peace in the society and among nations.
- Education helps to eradicate poverty.
- Educations promote rights for women and children in the society.
- Education encourages good governance, transparency, stability & keeps a check against corruption.
- Education helps people aware of their fundamental rights.

Hence, education is not restricted to study hard and score good results. It also means to conquer new things towards the betterment of mankind. An educated individual can create a big difference between wrong and right or evil and good. Education is a big social responsibility of every nation. Education of women is a must because the empowerment and knowledge of one woman can revolutionaries her family first and society at last.

36. Women education: The sustainability and progress of all regions depend on the success of women across the globe.

Importance

- Women's education plays an important role in the progress of any nation
- Constitute 50% of the population – providing proper educational opportunities for all women
- Swami Vivekananda –
- Education of a male benefits him largely, educating a girl is equivalent to educating her entire family

Figure 5

India is now a leading country in the field of women education. History of India is never blank of brave women however it is full of women philosophers like Gargi, Viswabara, Maritreya (of Vedic age) and other famous women are like Mirabai, Durgabati, Ahalyabi, Laxmibai, Kalpana chawla, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil etc. All the famous historical women in India are inspiration for the women of this age. We never forget their contributions to the society and country. Until the middle of nineteenth century, girls and women were educated only for traditional household works. Now, the society is witnessing changes in the role-status of women. There is greater emphasis on education girls and women in the same way as we educate boys and men. The modern-day parents want to fulfill the aspiration of their children without gender parity.

Education gives the self-confidence, self-esteem for girls and they can discover their own potential and came up with new ideas and innovation and increase their resistance to gender discrimination. She can able to take her decisions indecently. Educated women are independent.

CONCLUSION

Education involves all experiences that an individual acquires inside or outside the school. In this respect, education is a quite significant process generating the basic foundations of socio-economic development. It is not sufficient to evaluate the value of education in terms of vocational knowledge and skill. The economic value of education relies upon attitudes, values, social and communicative skills rather than productive norms and technical knowledge. No matter whether it is national or local, any project regarding social development is to be considered within the framework of social relationships.

The aim of education is not to develop one single virtue but to produce healthy normal human beings

who understand the meaning of life and what it demands from them. From childhood to youth, students must be constantly reminded by educationists and psychologists that the fundamental law of life is co-operation, not self-aggrandizement or domination or conflict. If students are intellectually and morally brought up on co-operation, most of our troubles would be at an end and life would be much healthier, richer and nobler than ever before. Fostering basic principles of humanity and reasoning, the modern education is an eye opener for every person on earth. In short, a balanced life and reputed standing in society is only possible with the shining light of knowledge.

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