

Read Right Institute

Time allowed: 1 hour

Test (1)

Make a précis of the given passage and suggest a suitable heading.

If then a practical end must be assigned to a University course, I say it is that of training good members of a society. Its aim is the art of social life, and its end is fitness for the world. It neither confines its views to particular professions on the one hand, nor creates heroes or inspires genius on the other. Works indeed of genius fall under no art; heroic minds come under no rule; a University is not a birthplace of poets or of immortal authors, of founders of schools, leaders of colonies, or conquerors of nations. It does not promise a generation of Aristotle or Newtons of Napoleons or Washingtons of Raphaels or Shakespeare though such miracles of nature it has before now contained within its precincts. Nor is it content on the other hand with forming the critic or the experimentalist, the economist or the engineer, through such too it includes within its scope. But a University training is the great ordinary means to a great ordinary end; it aims at raising the intellectual tone of society, at cultivating the public mind, at purifying the national taste, at supplying true principles to popular aspirations. It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them, it teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophistical and to - discard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with credit, and to master any subject with facility. (John H. Newman)

Precis

Title:

The purpose of university:
A socially capable
Society

The purpose of a university is to equip the members of the society with a social art. University course is free from professions, visionary works, and rigid rules. Therefore, the university is not a fiefdom to produce a bunch of immortal leaders. In contrast, the university is a place to inculcate the sound principles of popular aspiration in society that confers the individual with the diadem of critical thinking to differentiate between the relevant and irrelevant information. Lastly, it empowers a man to credit the information, and to achieve mastery in any subject.

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