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Essay Topic:

Our Education System has Failed to Deliver

Main Heading: Why has Pakistan's education system failed to deliver?

Sub-headings:

- a- System of rote learning and memorisation.
- b- Less budgetary allocation for the education sector.
- c- Use of education sector for money making.

### Body Paragraphs

In our country Pakistan, the traditional system of rote learning and memorisation has been used frequently. The age-old practices and outdated methods of teaching are responsible for it. Instead of harnessing student's potential and making students avid learners, the system destroys their critical thinking abilities. For example, in most of the Punjab textbooks, the students are asked to write summary



of a certain chapter, be it a story or any poem without giving the actual text in the paper/exercises. The "guides" of different subjects are also easily available in the markets and teachers themselves promote them instead of asking students to find the answers themselves. This system of rote learning and memorisation should be discouraged at all levels.

Less budget is always being allocated to the education sector in Pakistan. The less spending on the education sector hampers the provision of quality education. International benchmarks recommend that governments must spend at least 15 percent of public expenditure and 4 percent of their Gross Domestic Product on education (Global Partnership for Education, 2019). But we see that only 1.7 percent of GDP was allocated to education sector of Pakistan in fiscal year 2022-23 (Economic



Survey of Pakistan). For the education system to be good at deliverance, improvement in the educational facilities is required which demands spending that is not properly done by governments in Pakistan.

Instead of proper spending on education sector, education is itself being used in Pakistan to make money. Almost 17 million children in Pakistan are out of school because of the high fee structure of educational institutes. The government is responsible to provide free education to children from age 5 to 16 according to the Article 25-A of constitution 1973. But due to lack of proper spending on education, and due to the unaffordable prices of the private sector educational institutes, students are unable to get proper education.