

Q3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (5x4=20)

Knowledge is acquired when we succeed in fitting a new experience in the system of concepts based upon our old experiences. Understanding comes when we liberate ourselves from the old and so make possible a direct, unmediated contact with the new, the mystery, moment by moment, of our existence. The new is the given on every level of experience – given perceptions, given emotions and thoughts, given states of unstructured awareness, given relationships with things and persons. The old is our home-made system of ideas and word patterns. It is the stock of finished articles fabricated out of the given mystery by memory and analytical reasoning, by habit and automatic associations of accepted notions. Knowledge is primarily a knowledge of these finished articles. Understanding is primarily direct awareness of the raw material.

Knowledge is always in terms of concepts and can be passed on by means of words or other symbols. Understanding is not conceptual and therefore cannot be passed on. It is an immediate experience, and immediate experience can only be talked about (very inadequately), never shared. Nobody can actually feel another's pain or grief, another's love or joy, or hunger. And similarly nobody can experience another's understanding of a given event or situation. There can, of course, be knowledge of such an understanding, and this knowledge may be passed on in speech or writing, or by means of other symbols. Such communicable knowledge is useful as a reminder that there have been specific understandings in the past, and that understanding is at all times possible. But we must always remember that knowledge of understanding is not the same thing as the understanding which is the raw material of that knowledge. It is as different from understanding as the doctor's prescription for penicillin is different from penicillin.

⇒ Contrast between knowledge and understanding
Knowledge and understanding are two opposite processes. Knowledge is gained by various experiences while the understanding is developed by attachment of new ~~experiences~~ ideas and thoughts regarding living and non-living organisms. New things and ideas are invented by logic and reasoning, that is basically the knowledge; the awareness of old concepts that creates the new one. However, the understanding is the awareness of raw materials of new ideas. Knowledge is a conceptual thing that passes onward through different ways. Contrary to this,

understanding is an immediate experience that can never be shared. As, no-one can feel another's emotions similarly, no one can understand from another's knowledge. Moreover, knowledge of understanding is totally different from just understanding.

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