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A child must be taught how to think, not what to think

Outline

1) Introduction

A child is born with tabula rasa state of mind. The social institutions, learning and knowledge experiences mould one's personality and shaped one's mind. However, a child must be taught how to think rather than what to think.

2) Importance of Critical Thinking

3) How social institutions limit child thinking

- a) Primary agent of socialization inculcate values and set priorities regarding future choices
- b) Educational institutions hinders critical thinking through depleted method of teaching
- c) Social pressure group and peer to peer comparison
- d) Limiting career opportunities

due to economic pressure / constraint

e) lack of confidence due to fear of failure

f) Responsibility of continuing family owned businesses

4) Consequences of limiting critical thinking

a) Impacts on Individual

(i) lack of confidence, self-awareness and self-efficacy

(ii) Need for external validation regarding important decisions

b) Impacts at social level

(i) Dearth of skilled labour

(ii) Scarce scarcity of innovative ideas

(iii) Very few entrepreneurs in society

(iv) Exacerbate the unemployment

c) Impacts at economic level

(i) out dated ideas halts economic growth

5) How to enhance critical thinking

a) Child must be encouraged to take decision at early age

- b) Educational institutions should encourage subjective and Novel Ideas.
- c) A child should be appreciated for possessing unique qualities.
- d) Social and economic circumstances must not impact one's thinking at early age.
- f) Art and music should be included in curriculum.

Conclusion



Do not give a man fish rather teach him how to fish himself. Similarly, inculcating deployed thinking process is not going to help children in long run. The ideas that worked in one generation is not going to help coming generations. A child is born with tabula rasa state of mind. The social institutions, learning and knowledge experiences mould one's personality and shape one's mind. However, a child must be taught how to think not what to think. Critical thinking plays a vital

role in bringing modernization in the world. Moreover, primary agent of socialization set priorities for children which automatically affects their thinking process. Similarly, other social institutions like education, peer group, economic constraints and opportunities also impact one's thinking process. However, hindering one's thinking process bring lot of consequences on individuals, at social, at economic and at national level. The reason behind all these impact is that in society everything is directly or indirectly is connected with each other. Disorganization at one ^{micro} level bring drastic changes at macro level. However, these challenges can be apprehended through encouraging children at early age to take their own decisions. Moreover, other social agent like education should encourage subjective and novel ideas. Additionally a child should be encourage for being different or thinking out of the box. Furthermore, ~~more~~ social and economic constraint should not impact child's at early age. The art and music should be encouraged at school. So that it enhances the overall mental abilities and critical thinking in children.