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Political Science

Discuss in detail the Plato's concept of justice?

Introduction:

Plato was born in Athens. He gained primary education in house. Later on, he moved to Socrates for higher education. He wrote three books which name are Republic, statesman and laws.

Context:

When Plato was studying. At that time, war occurred between Athens and Spartans. Athens were democrates and Spartans are dictators. Spartans defeated Athens in war. Socrates was also a democrat. There was a direct democracy system. There are two reasons due to this, Plato stated an ideal state for people. His teacher Socrates was executed. Second is Peloponessian war. Plato opined justice is the foundation of ideal state. Plato stated, there are three types in our society

Plato's concept of justice:

Plato explained that a man involved in three things, which are Lust, courage and wisdom. But one of them which is dominating human. Majority of the people involved in Lust. Some people are courageous and least people are wise. Plato explained that these three people divided into three different segments.

Lust	→	Artisan
Courage	→	Military
Wisdom	→	Rulers

So, majority of the people are artisans. Some people will join army and very few are rulers. So, when very few become rulers, that ~~was~~ is not democratic system.

Ideal state:

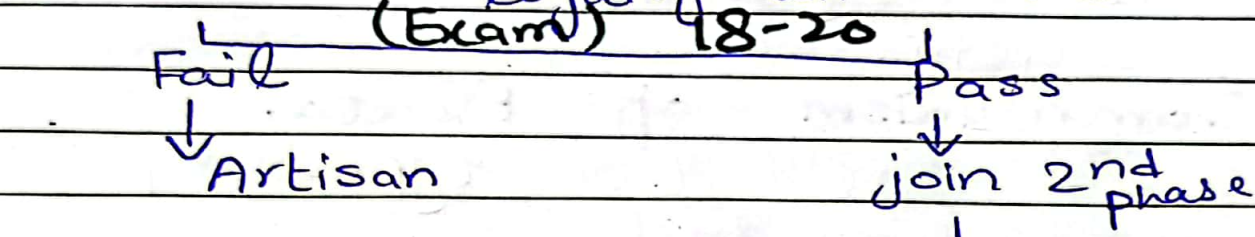
Philosophy of education:

↳ Plato explained philosophy of education in ~~education~~ his ideal state.

His theory starts from birth. It divide into two parts.

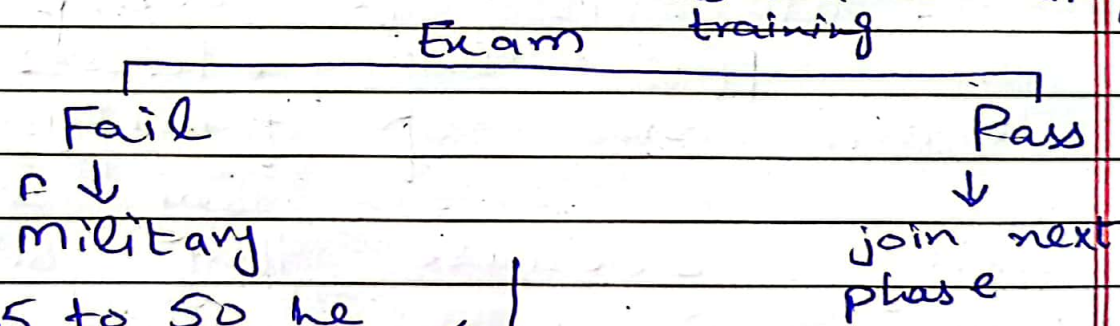
One is birth to 6 years. In this part of the age, state will look after the children. Then his life divided in three different parts:

Age	Education
From 6 to 18 years	Literature, poetry, gymnastics, music and sense of loyalty with state

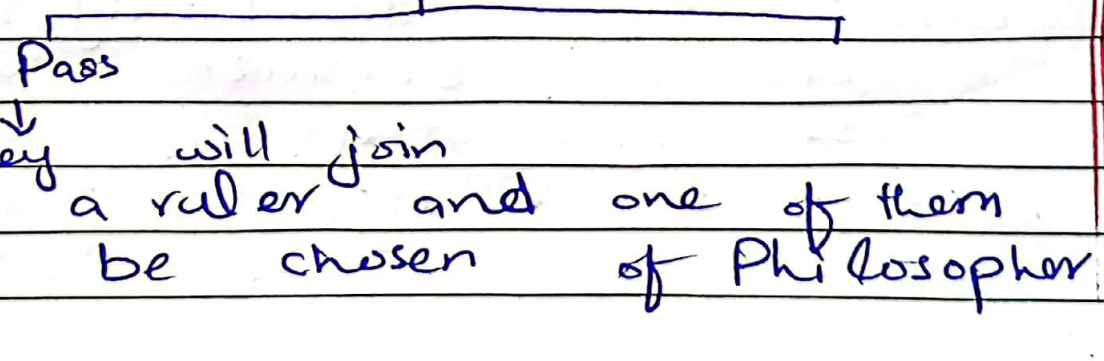


started 21 to 35

They will taught basic sciences, philosophy, mathematics as well as military training



From 35 to 50 he will taught advance philosophy, math etc



Where will justice come from?

Plato states that those in which Lust dominated, they will be Artisans. Those in which courage dominated they will join army. Those in which wisdom dominated they will become ruler. Resultantly, when everyone find its own place, so justice is common in society.

Communism of Plato:

There are two types of communism:

1) Communism of property,

The upper two classes do not allow any type of property. According to Plato, this is compulsory for upper two classes.

Communism of families

They will not marry because they will not allow the private family.

Plato says that a child is born with disability, he would be executed. Because he is use less for state.

Theory of Plato: state is the end and every thing else is the mean.

Criticism of Plato's concept:

The concept of justice by Plato has been exposed. There are different types of Plato's concept due to which criticizing on his theory.

Firstly, the concept of justice by Plato is mainly grounded on moral principles.

Second, Plato's theory of justice could be practical only in the city state system. It will not be impactful for other states.

Thirdly, he said that each individual owns three qualities like reason, spirit and appetite.

Fourth, his concept of justice gives absolute power to one class like the philosophers because they have a lot of wisdom. There is a scope of inequalities of power and in his concept of justice.

Fifthly, his justice gives rise to a class state. But the rest of all states are facing inequalities.

Critical analysis:

Plato gives a ideal state theory. He stated about the justice in the society. He approved a proper education policies. But at the end of his ideal state he gives the power in one hand. The rest of the segments deprived from the facilities of the society.

Conclusion:

Plato was a broadminded thinker and philosopher. He wanted to impose justice in society. For this reason, he applied a specific education system. He did education as a compulsory for male and female in the end, he describe the theory of ideal state in which theory, he states how we can bring justice in our society. Later on, most of people criticize on his theory because he gives power just one segment and deprive the other segments.