

Q. Explain Plato's Theory of Justice. How he tries to implement it through the education system?

1. INTRODUCTION.

Plato (427-347 B.C.) an Athenian philosopher rejected all the traditional definitions of 'Justice', and provided his own theory of 'Justice'. Which states that; "Governance and states should do good for all. This good for all can be done by Justice".

2. MAIN IDEA OF PLATO'S THEORY OF JUSTICE BEGINS WITH INDIVIDUAL'S SOUL.

Plato was of the opinion that state is the reflection of individual. Thus, individual satisfaction is necessary to bring harmony in state. For this purpose, he divided the individual's soul into three prime elements i.e Reason (Logos), Emotions (Thymos) and desire (Epithymis). He further added that among these traits

one trait must be dominant, then the rest of the traits. Therefore, keeping in view the pre-dominated trait; the individual shall be assigned a role in the state. In doing so, individual satisfaction will be achieved and ultimately, three classes will be formed. His design of classes alongwith Beffiting virtue as per required trait is as under:

Traits	:	Beffiting Virtue	:	Class
Reason	:	Wisdom	:	Ruler or Philosopher King
Emotions	:	Courage	:	Soldiers or Protectors
Desire	:	Temperance	:	Providers

His 'justice' model states that ^{firstly} the people with predominated trait of Reason shall be the rulers. Secondly, individuals with the predominated trait of Emotion shall join military. Thirdly, individuals with predominated trait of Desires shall be

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the producers in the state. Lastly, he argued that every class should perform their duties without interference in others role and, thereby, this ideal state will be formed and called as Justice for all, or good for all.

3. ~~Plato's~~ Plato's Implementation of Justice through educational System.

Plato's educational system plays pivotal role in implementation of justice. Primarily, education scheme in his perspective is a continued process. Secondly, this process will be controlled by the state. Thirdly, the education system will build the personality traits and will vis-a-vis help in allocation of individuals in their relevant classes. Finally, and most importantly, this selection and allocation of individual through the education system will undergo two stages i.e. Elementary Education and Higher Education.

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3.1 Primary Education.

Initially, in this stage, the individuals varying from the age of 6-18 will be taught about character. At this stage, their character building along with supplementation of physical exercises for body and music for mind will be executed. As in Plato's perspective, a healthy individual is composition of strong body and healthy mind. Thereafter, right from the age of 18-20 they will undergo military training and upon completion of elementary education they have to attempt an elimination test. ⁱⁿ This elimination test ~~with~~ ones who qualifies will proceed to Higher education and one who failed will join the Military and producers.

3.2 Higher Education.

Individuals aging from 20-35 years will be taught Theoretical Subject in this stage. Theoretical subjects will be comprised of Mathematics, Cosmology, Astronomy and Dialectics. Subsequently, they will undertake the community training for practical and theoretical exposure.

By the end, individuals will have to appear in the 2nd Elimination test with following conditionalities:

1. The topper on the merit will be the ruler or philosopher king
2. The rest of the competitors will opt the class of guardians.
3. The least well on the merit will join the producers.

4. Conclusion.

In main, Plato's theory of justice stands on the traits of individual souls. For precision of justice

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implementation, he introduced the education scheme. In his theory, education system is the driving model of the governance and state.

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