

**1. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.**

The best aid to give is intellectual aid, a gift of useful knowledge. A gift of knowledge is infinitely preferable to a gift of material things. There are many reasons for this. Nothing becomes truly one's own on the basis of some genuine effort or sacrifice. A gift of material goods can be appropriated by the recipient without effort or sacrifice; it therefore rarely becomes his own and is all too frequently and easily treated as a mere windfall. A gift of intellectual goods, a gift of knowledge, is a very different matter. Without a genuine effort of appropriation on the part of the recipient there is no gift. To appropriate the gift and to make it one's own is the same thing, and 'neither moth nor rust doth corrupt'. The gift of material goods makes people dependent, but the gift of knowledge makes them free. The gift of knowledge also has far more lasting effects and is far more closely relevant to the concept of 'development'. Give a man a fish, as the saying goes, and you are helping him a little bit for a very short time, teach him the act of fishing, and he can help himself all his life. Further, if you teach him to make his own fishing net, you have helped him to become not only self-supporting, but also self-reliant and independent man and businessman.

This, then should become the ever-increasing preoccupation of aid-programmes to make men self-reliant and independent by the generous supply of the appropriate intellectual gifts, gifts of relevant knowledge on the methods of self-help. This approach, incidentally, has also the advantage of being relatively cheap, of making money go a long way. For POUNDS 100/- you may be able to equip one man with certain means of production, but for the same money you may well be able to teach a hundred men to equip themselves. Perhaps a little 'pump-priming' by way of material goods will in some cases be helpful to speed the process of development. (E.F. Schumacher)

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Title: Intellectual Aid vs. Material Aid

or  
Benefits of ~~Material~~ Knowledge over  
Material Goods

The best gift to give someone is awareness to something. It is a life-long possession for an individual. The present of material items cannot be achieved with effort. On the contrary, intellectual aid requires struggle. Likewise, material items contribute to reliancy, while gift of knowledge leads to self-sufficiency. Moreover, it adds to the individual's progress. Material aid is temporary while intellectual aid is ever-lasting. The art of teaching knowledge makes people independent. Therefore, the main aim of aid-programmes should be to enlighten people with self-help. This is economically beneficial, too. Instead of empowering a single man with some money, the same amount of money may be utilized to educate hundred men.