

Topic

"Learning from the past paves the way for the future".

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Be more clear in your arguments

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## Essay

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There is a proverb that

"The past is where you learn the lesson and the future is where you apply the lesson. This proverb is told to highlight the importance of past and all its complexities which paves the way for the future decisions. Life is very important and learning is a life-long process. In order to make progress in life, learning from every moment is very important. Learning starts from the very first moment of an individual's life when he is a child. In school and then professional life, one becomes mature after learning from one's life experiences which further helps to take decisions as a family member. The evolution of ~~was~~ society and even state evolved on the basis of past and

further leads to learn from  
others. The history is replete  
 with such incidences which  
 have made it a history  
after a dreadful past as  
 World War II, thirty years  
 war, cold war and war  
 on Terror. The system of politics  
 is dynamic and it changes  
 from time to time. It evolved  
 after war of independence and  
 gave a new direction to  
 the world. Nehru's hypocrisy in  
 movement of Pakistan was also  
 a big lesson for the  
 leaders. Pakistan's journey to  
 become a nuclear state was  
also made after hypocritic attitude  
 in difficult times. The hallmark  
 of 18th amendment has a  
 long history. Even every foreign  
 policy of a country is based  
 on past of that country. The  
 changing global order is being  
evolved due to historical roots.

A great name "Aristotle" had also learned from his past which enabled him to become a greatest political scientist. On this way, past plays an important role in paving the way for future.

Learning is very important to make progress in life. Learning is the process to get new things, accept new things and learn from the experiences. The mistakes and fortunes of life both play an important role in making future decisions. Life could be even stuck at one point without learning from the past. Only those people learn from the past who have ~~curious~~ curiosity to learn and observe things deeply. Learning makes the true picture of life and states the future happenings by prediction and probabilities.

The people who have little diligence cannot learn from life and make progress in future. As according to Abigail Adams, "Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence". So, Learning in life is very important in all ways and aspects of life.

Learning from past experiences and its implications on future holds a great place in individual and familial life as it is even started in childhood.

The childhood of an individual is marked by various and unique experiences which helps to grow a child. At every moment in childhood, he learns every new thing and in future, takes decision on the basis of past experiences. He learns and understands others' expressions very easily.

and determines his own future actions to see others' reactions. For example, when a child holds a hot cup of tea and his hand gets burnt, he will never hold the cup of tea again. So, learning is the very basic part of childhood.

The learning from the failure at school is also important for future. The school is the basic place in childhood after family where people and students all learn through various activities. The parents send their children at school so that they become an important and responsible citizen of the country. The students may also fail at school which further helps that person to learn from his mistakes and then he struggles for the future.



to get position. For instance, a student gets grade D in a test, it propels him and to get the grade A like his other fellows, he again rises, struggles and gets the grade A. In short, the failure at school marks the learning possible and paves way for the bright future.

Learning in a professional life and its effects on future are also intertwined. Learning by an individual in a professional life goes side by side because a profession is marked by evolving with the flow. Every task is done with risks of good and bad and every possibility leads to improvement. In the professional life, everyone has to go through many tasks which

which make him able to perform better in life. For instance, Thomas Edison tried 2774 times ~~or~~ before inventing the electrical bulb and every time, he learnt something new and improved. In short, learning in a professional life is helpful for future decisions.

A family's decisions in past is also helpful in its future decisions. A family is always at the brink of choices between things and tasks of life, marked by duties and desires.

The decision of a family normally is based on its forefathers' decisions which are, obviously, not suit to the requirements of every age. ~~The~~ <sup>were</sup> decisions of their ancestors ~~are~~ sometimes wrong which resulted in the clashed from generation to generation.

but a particular family realises the consequences and decides not to take such decision again.

As, the decision of a family member's marriage without his will has been proven wrong makes the family to realise not to take such

decision again. So, the decisions

of a family always on the basis of past learning.

The Society and its happenings in past and future are also an important factors

in learning, and its evolution is part of it. The Society

was evolved by a number

of changes from time to time. The Society learnt a

lot of things from its past happenings which paved

the way for its future progress. The future of anything

is always marked by

certain changes which help to take and adopt in wo

them in new ways. For example, in past, man used to live in caves but then he made contacts with others, and a society was developed in this way. Hence, the society was evolved through past experiences and led towards a bright future.

The establishment of state was also possible only due to past experiences. The state is the phenomenon which was developed after experiencing bloody shifts by the people. The state now includes certain elements and is defined in a definite way. The people of the world were in the struggle of conflict and in the miasma of despair before the establishment of state but after that, a new safa was opened. As, thirty

years war in Europe  
 led to the establishment of  
 state after gaining lessons  
 from the past. In a nutshell,  
 the state was evolved after  
 a bloody past experiences.

Experiences of others  
 whether good or bad are  
 also play role in learning  
 from the past. As a society,  
 we always busy in  
 idealizing others either in  
 a good or a bad way.  
 Learning always come in  
 both ways i-e good or  
 bad. The people influence others  
 and guide other unintentionally  
 and, thus, they in turn  
 learn from them. The wrong  
 and good doings of others  
 influence people in different  
 ways. For example, the life  
 of Abdul Sattar Edhi was  
 a guide for others which

make to follow his path and many welfare societies were made, for the service of mankind. In short, others' experiences inspire people and affect their future decisions.

The whole history is evolved with the experiences of past. The history belongs to those who have done something extraordinary in their lives. The heart-wrenching world war II was a greatest incident of the history. The world war II was the deadliest war ever happened in history which was resulted in havoc. It left a great mark on human history and changed the course of history. When USA exploded two nuclear bombs on Japan, the war of nuclear regime was started. At that time, but soon all the countries realized to stop

to stop that. And then Nuclear Proliferation Treaty was enforced in 1970 to stop nuclear proliferation to ensure the security of the countries. Thus, World War II helped to secure the countries in this way.

The bloody thirty years war in Europe also helped to evolve the history. Thirty years war was fought among European countries on the basis of religion and they, in fact, faced the cordillaries of this war for a long time. All the countries of Europe faced economic, social and political constraints due to this long war, and they decided to de-escalate it. At last, all the major European countries took a part and started negotiations.

This led to the signing of Treaty of Westphalia and a new system of nation-states was established with an element of non-interference. In this way, thirty years war played a role in learning from the past. Cold war and its aftermaths left the global world in a new direction and promoted to get a lesson from the Cold war. It was fought between two superpowers, Russia and USA who remained in it due to the fear of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) which comes in direct conflict with a nuclear enemy state. This war engaged these two countries in Afghanistan particularly, and at last, ended in 1989. But this



~~example~~ Unipolarity became popular which resultantly led to the rise of soft power in the whole world, launched by other countries. In this way, Cold war was a pivotal factor to learning from history.

War on Terror (WOT) was one of the major incident of the twenty first century which left many lessons for the entire world. The War on Terror was started by USA after 9/11 incident to capture Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. The USA used Pakistan's territory and military bases in this war which caused many loss to Pakistan. The USA accused Pakistan to do nothing in WOT and always asked to "do more".

man". In fact, Pakistan had lost many civilians in this war and economic losses, but it proved a lesson for Pakistan. As former Prime Minister of Pakistan said "absolutely not" in response to the question of giving military bases again to USA. So, <sup>from</sup> NOT, Pakistan has learnt a mammoth lesson.

The political system of any country has been developed by certain incidents and happenings and is even now learning lessons for the future generations. The war of independence was a remarkable war in the history of sub-continent and it gave a kickstart to Pakistan Movement. This war changed the scenario for Muslims of sub-continent as the British considered Muslims the main perpetrators behind this war and called it Mutiny or spy.

This war gave Muslims many lessons and Muslims' nationalism was started due to the British policies for Muslims. As Sir Syed Ahmad Khan developed education system for Muslims and nationalism was started. In this way, War of Independence paved the way for Muslims' nationalism which was a great lesson for them.

The deception of Nehru during Pakistan Movement was also a turning point to take decision by Quaid-e-Azam after experiencing his dual policy. Nehru's Hindu centred policy was only for Congress, which undermined the representation of Muslims. Quaid-e-Azam asked Nehru to give his stance on constitutional reforms or self-government and Nehru proposed in a report in which Muslims

were treated as a salt  
in flour such as <sup>one-fourth</sup> ~~no~~ representation  
was given to Muslims in  
legislature. As in response, Quaid-  
e-Azam propounded his own  
fourteen points and announced  
that it was time to part  
the ways. So, Nehru's deception  
was proved to be a  
wisdom which was learnt from  
the past.

Pakistan's Western  
alliances in the past was  
proved to be a light  
which illuminated the future. Pakistan  
joined Western bloc after  
its emergence because it  
was the need of the  
hour regarding security and  
economic matters. In 1965  
war with India, Pakistan  
was highly mistaken that  
the West will help her  
but the West showed her  
back to Pakistan and then

again in 1971 war, no one helped Pakistan. As a result, Pakistan realized that she has to stand on her own feet as soon as possible and started her nuclear journey which was completed in 1998. In short, Pakistan has learnt eye-opening lessons from the Western alliances and decided her future on such experiences.

18th Amendment was also the result of the past experiences by many political parties. 18th Amendment was a great achievement that Pakistan had achieved in the political course.

The history of Politics in Pakistan has been fluctuated due to many reasons, and Pakistan has experienced many politically-deteriorated results. It is

marked with martial laws, political instabilities and so on different political systems. As, in the political history of Pakistan, the overuse of the power of President under Article 58 (2)(b) resulted in the suspension of many governments. So, the major political parties decided to amend the constitution by removing this article from it, and restored the system through 18th Amendment. In this way, 18th Amendment was a great decision in the light of past.

A foreign policy of any country is always based and set on the past experiences of that country. The foreign policy is a tool which explains the country's relationship to other nations

to ensure its national interests. The country always looks into the history to develop its foreign policy with any particular nation because it is a hallmark which can make or break the relationship with the other nations. As Pakistan and India have the history of clashes and Pakistan will always consider its historical relations with India. It will always prioritize its security to any other thing in the foreign policy. So, every foreign policy is decided on the basis of a country's past clashes and amities with a particular nation.

The changing global dynamics of the world are also seeming the results of the past. The global

dynamics are always changing with time to time, and are, in fact, will be always evolved. It was evolved as was first in the form of bipolarity, unipolarity and now is moving towards multipolarity. First, the countries were involved in direct conflict with each other and now it has been replaced by geo-strategic and economic diplomacies. The countries are trying to contain each other through joining hands with their rivals through economic and defensive investments and pacts. As US is trying to contain China by developing its defensive relations with India, and signed a military pact in which they are exchanging military technologies to each other.



So, the world's dynamics are also changing on the light of past.

Aristotle's past experiences was also proved a ray of infinite light and made his future bright. Aristotle was a disciple of Plato and remained in his academy under his supervision. He was impressed by Plato's ideal state, but at the same time did not agree with some of Plato's points.

This confusion led him to develop his own theory of state but due to some past experiences of his personal life, he propounded his own theory. As due to his own successful marriage, Aristotle said that the marriage was essential for all the classes of state because without it, man cannot

survive. In this way, the past experiences of Aristotle made him the greatest philosopher of Political Science.

Conclusively, it can be said easily and without any fear of contradiction that one learns

from one's past and it paves the future. The process of learning encompasses the whole life of the person.

In fact, one learns at each and every step of one's life. From childhood to a person's professional life, learning chases everyone. The political system of a country and the evolution of history are the results of sometimes grim past, or sometimes some peaceful incidents enlightened the lives of people, as the evolution of society and

State, Aristotle's contribution to political science, World War II, Thirty years war, War of Independence and so on. It is clear from the above discussion that the every incident precedes something important which is inevitable. One should always be ready to identify and analyze something good from every incident with a curious mind. As it was said by Newton that for every As Newton said, "For every action in nature, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

Bring maturity in your ideas