

Q. 2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

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 except on the basis of some genuine effort or sacrifice. A gift of material goods can be appropriated by 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 also has far more lasting effects and is far more closely relevant to the concept of "development." Give a man fish as the saying goes, and you are helping him little bit for a very short time, teach him the art 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 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 to a long way. For 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 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).

Subjective Part

Q.2 Precis

The Value of Knowledge Over Material Goods

The best gift in this world is to provide fruitful knowledge because it has far more lasting ^{effects} and it cannot be acquired without sacrifice. ~~While~~ ^{Whereas,} materialistic things can be achieved without efforts and struggles. Additionally, the feeling of material goods makes a man contingent upon it, but the ~~of~~ gift of knowledge generates sense of awareness and development. Therefore, it is pertinent to provide them useful knowledge for being self-reliant instead of depending ^{on} them by providing ephemeral means of production. So, it is better to teach them skills instead of depending on material goods.

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Idea and grammar are generally ok.