

# Topic : Higher Education is an Agent of Change

## OUTLINE

### A. Introduction

1. Views of Nelson Mandela
2. What is higher education?
3. Thesis statement

### B. Concept of Higher Education as a Change Agent

#### Agent

#### 1. Shapes mindsets, values and attitudes;

(a) Drives progress at individual, community and national levels

#### 2. Dimensions in which higher education brings change;

(a) Social change  
(b) Economic change

#### 3. Technological and scientific advancements;

a. Research and innovation

b. Solving global challenges in health, energy, environment

#### 4. Political and leadership development;

a. Strengthens democratic values and political participation

#### 5. Cultural and intellectual growth;

a. Preserves and critiques cultural traditions

- b. Encourages dialogue and diversity
- 6. Reduces poverty and inequality;
  - a. Access to quality higher education can break the cycle of poverty
- 7. Promotes gender equality and women empowerment
- 8. Strengthens national identity and global citizenships
- 9. Encourages democratic participation;
  - a. Voting, activism, policy-making
- 10. Enhances national competitiveness

### C- Challenges Hindering Higher Education's Role in Pakistan

- 1. Poor quality of teaching and education
- 2. Outdated curriculum
- 3. Weak research culture
  - a. Inequitable access to higher education
- 4. Political interference and campus violence
- 5. Brain drain
  - a. Lack of opportunities
  - b. 727K Pakistani youth migrated in 2024

### D. The Way Forward

Mention how it helps to bring change

## 1. Curriculum aligned with National and global challenges

- a. Scholarships and inclusive policies for all
- b. Case study: Malaysia's higher education reform and vision 2020

## 2. Invest in research and developments;

- a. Academic freedom and institutional autonomy
- b. Public-private partnerships in higher education

## E. Conclusion

General comments

### ESSAY

Write thesis statement in your introduction

Your points are fine but try to make arguments out of these points

Topic is general how higher education as an agent of change

Don't drag it to Pakistan

Make a comprehensive outline

Try to link all your points to the topic of the essay how higher education serves as an agent of change