

Essay:- "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest"

## 1) Introduction

Knowledge serves as a catalyst for turning tables on democracy, effective governance, peace and prosperity of a nation. However, some obstacles hinder its path, but conquering such challenges with prudent measures could ensure the trajectory of a country on true progress and prosperity.

## 2) Philosophical or theoretical perspectives that prove education is the hallmark of prosperous and peaceful societies:

2a) Investment in education is the pragmatic step towards ensuring participatory democracy

John Dewey → pioneer of education theory and its correlation with democracy

2b) The ruler must have the highest wisdom so that he can steer the nation on the road to prosperity  
i.e. Plato's philosopher king → book 'republic'

## 3) How investment in knowledge pays the best interest at individual level:

3a) Education enhances the cognitive abilities, critical thinking and problem-solving skills of an individual.  
i.e. Socrates method of dialogue → ideas and their rebuttals lead to better understanding of the world



3b) Encourages the building of technical, vocational and entrepreneurship skills in an individual

- i- UNESCO report → Countries like Scandinavian which promotes STEM education are highly prosperous

3c) Promotes political awareness and civic responsibility in an individual

- i- Citizen led governance and citizen led journalism that promotes factual reporting and development

3d) Empowers individual to uphold the norms of tolerance and peacebuilding in a society

- i- Recognizes that freedom of speech does not mean freedom of hate speech
- ii- Performance of rights and duties

3e) Impacts moral development in an individual

- i- Respects law if no one watches
- ii- Japan early childhood education model

4) How investment in knowledge pay the best interest at societal or national level:-

4a) Education promotes overall political stability in a country

- i- Singapore's score on world justice project proves that country's political stability has a strong foundation in effective literacy rates



ii- Improves the overall socio-economic indicators of a country

i- poverty, out of school children, child labour are the menace and natural outcome when countries don't prioritize investment in education

iii) Rule of law supremacy and robust justice mechanism

i- Book "Why Men Fight" by Bertrand Russell argues that compromised education system is a leading factor behind abysmal rule of law situation, exacerbating conflicts

iv) Gender equality and women empowerment as a natural outcome of societies promoting education

i- Research of Rafia Zakaria proves that education act as a driver of women empowerment

v) Improved environmental protection in countries inculcating environmental studies in curricula

i- Sweden best case study → training of children since primary level on ways to adopt environmental friendly practices

5) Challenges faced by countries in ~~restricted~~ investments on knowledge:

a) Resource constraints and high population growth

b) Elite capture and structural inequalities in accessing to education

c) Urban-rural divide and low opportunities to access quality education



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5) Measures to counter the challenges impeding the path to education attainment;

6) Conclusion



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2) Theoretical and philosophical perspective on the statement — 'True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice'

2a) Difference between the negative peace versus positive peace — absence of <sup>physical</sup> violence versus absence of structural violence

i- John Galtung → father of peace studies  
pioneered the term positive and negative peace

2b) Sustainable peace is achieved through the moral conditioning of society that prioritizes justice in all domains of life

i- Kant's philosophy of categorical imperative → duty to act morally irrespective of consequences

2c) Justice is ensured through performance of rights and duties in a society

i- Social contract theory → just and equitable society is achieved when state and society protect each other



2d) Resolution of conflicts that addresses the grievances of both sides is critical to ensure true everlasting peace.

i- Hegel's philosophy of dialectics → conflicts between two opposing ideas is natural but true progress is evolved by effectively resolving the tensions and adopting a moderate path

3) Historical manifestations that demonstrate how true peace is not merely the absence of tension but presence of justice:

3a) Nations have demonstrated their spirits to ensure true justice by standing against the underlying systemic discriminations

i- French and American Revolution → acquired the socio-economic equality

3b) Brave leaders have fought adversaries through non-violence movements and officially ended the system of segregation and racism

i- Martin Luther King Jr → book "Nonviolent peace"

ii- Abraham Lincoln → 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US constitution

3c) Intellectual philosophers and writers have opened the eyes of people and advocated for freedom of speech — a prerequisite for attaining everlasting peace

i- Voltaire writings → "I disagree with you, but I defend till death your right to say it"



3d) Societies have advanced their moral obligation to rebuild ~~these~~ war-torn nations to ensure true justice

- i- Marshall plan's → rebuilding and reconstructing the Europe after WWII

3e) The struggle for freedom was built on the strong foundation to access justice, equality and freedom

- i- Pakistan's movement → to end physical and psychological violence

4) Contemporary relevance that proves the relationship between true peace and justice:

4a) Justice ensures equal access to opportunities without any discrimination

- i- education, employment and standard of living
- ii- Scandinavian countries are ranked highly just and equitable

4b) Justice assures uninterrupted access to the fundamental rights without any obstruction

- i- Finland ranked the most happiest for the seven consecutive times by World Bank — topped the rankings of World Justice project

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4c) Justice creates an enabling and safer environment in ~~a society to exchange differing opinions, ideologies and religious beliefs~~

- i- Indonesia is ranked the most harmonious state having recognized four religions officially —

Islam,  
Buddhism,  
Christianity  
and  
Jewish



4d) Justice motivates societies to amplify their voices for climate justice, leading the better world

i- Every year COP meetings → progress on Paris agreement and climate financing

4e) Feminism is not only about ending violence against women but empowering them to make an inclusive world

i- HeForShe campaign of UN → Men should take responsibility of advocating for women empowerment

5) How Pakistan can ensure true peace through resolving underlying grievances?

5a) Holding grounds against authoritarian regimes by actively ~~participating~~ resisting such regimes

i- Evidence of past struggle → Habib Talib poem 'Dastoor' against Ayub Khan laws

5b) Resolving the tensions in peripheries with soft power rather than kinetic measures that temporarily keeps the lid over the violence

i- Perachinal recurring violence → improvement in political, social and economic conditions of the region

5c) Countering the culture of stark polarization through inclusive politics

i- openness to criticism and level playing field

ii- Book: Reimagining Pakistan by Hussain Haqqani → call to acknowledge

Pak's diverse ethnic, linguistic and cultural history

6) Conclusion



Essay:-

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your govt when it deserves it.

1) Introduction

True patriotism is not merely supporting the government policies but also involves holding governments accountable to advance the nation's commitment to ideals of democracy, justice, equality and economic prosperity.

2) Understanding the difference between patriotism and blind allegiance

3) Theoretical or philosophical perspectives that demonstrate the true meaning of patriotism:

3a) Performing rights and duties while upholding the constitutional norms lies at the heart of true patriotism

i- Social contract theory by Rousseau, Hobbes and Locke

3b) True patriotism is not only preventing conflicts but also ensuring justice in society

i- John Galting's theory of peace

3c) All human beings hold moral obligation to act responsibly towards state or nation's interests

i- Kant's theory of categorical Imperative



4) Historical manifestations that prove patriotism entails holding governments or powers accountable for wider national interests:

4a) Some voices for freedom of speech have ended the monopoly of authoritarian rules, demonstrating patriotism for nation's interests  
 i- Voltaire, John Locke and John Stuart Mill on freedom and their writings

4b) The role of revolutions against foreign powers indicated the nation's struggle for independence and patriotism  
 i- French and American revolution

4c) Spirited leaders have stood against systemic racism and discrimination of ruling governments to implement the true essence of patriotism  
 i- Martin Luther King Jr → long walk for freedom  
 ii- Nelson Mandela → Obnoxious peace

5) Contemporary relevance of upholding just, equitable and democratic norms of patriotism by the nation:

5a) Actively participating in politics to hold governments accountable  
 i- casting vote, political party or political awareness campaigns

5b) The role of media and investigative journalism



To expose the ~~corruption~~ and ~~misappropriation~~

- i- Pentagon Papers (1971) → US war crimes in Vietnam  
exposed by journalist

Sc) Encouraging citizen-led governance when the central governments have scarce resources

- i- Case study of Dr Akhtar Hameed  
Orangi pilot project → 1 million people lifted  
out of poverty

Sd) Ensuring un-interrupted access to fundamental rights provision by state and taking legal actions when rights are infringed.

- i- Filing of writs in courts against maladministration

Se) Protecting environment as a ~~strategy~~ <sup>climate induced</sup> to protect state against the menace of ↑ disasters

- i- India's local chipko movement → resistance against deforestation

Sf) Promoting economic reforms and governance reforms to ensure productivity, gdp growth and export led growth of a country.

- i- Establishment of SIFC, national security policy 2021 and digitalization reforms prove Pakistan's govt commitment to patriotism

Sg) Fighting the terrorism and separatism in country with education and tolerance building

- i- Marshall plan of reconstructing Europe

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