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Q Explain the theory of education by Plato.

① Introduction:

Plato, the greatest philosopher of the western philosophy all the time wanted to establish an ideal state of Athens by ensuring that each individual performs its task properly on the basis of their spirited dominant qualities, blending the intellectual rigor with the military discipline of Sparta. Plato presents a revolutionary system of its time made it compulsory for both men and women with specific detail and methods which is suitable for each age group. Through this holistic approach, he explained the Justice of peace in the western philosophy.

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harmony where each and every person serve according to their dominant abilities.

give the main heading first and relate your headings to the qs statement.

⑥ **Plato's Theory of Soul:-**

Plato's theory of soul is rooted with his theory of education. He divided the human soul into three parts "Reason, courage and Appetite" and each person should perform its duty/role properly. The purpose of this educational scheme is to produce the philosopher (led by reason), soldier (led by courage) and peasant (led by Appetite).

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⑦ **Division of Platonic Educational Scheme:**

The Platonic Educational scheme was divided into two stages.

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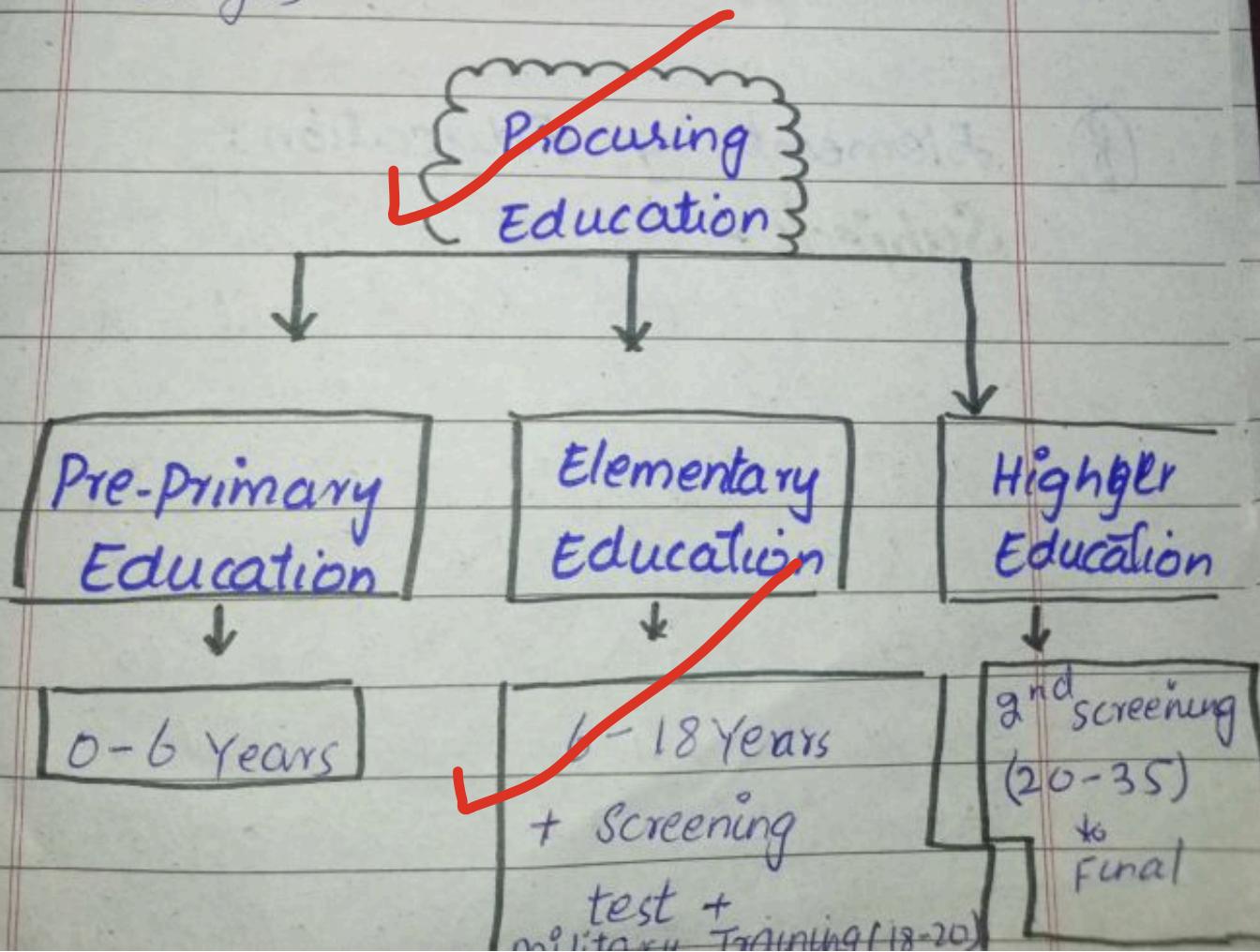
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## ① Elementary Education ② Higher Education.

These are the stages that are like wax in which individual **can** be mold in any shape.

## ③ Division of Procuring Educational System:-

Plato's procuring Education system is divided into three stages.



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## ⑤ Primary Education :-

**Subjects:** Gymnastic, physical education and moral values, music.

Plato argued that this stage starts from 0 to 6 years in which a child learns about physical education and fitness through fitness moral and music will improve their intellectual thinking.

## ⑥ Elementary Education:

**Subjects:** All <sup>fundamental</sup> advanced subjects will be taught in this stage.

Plato suggests that this stage will be starting from 6 years age to 18 years in which students will learn all the advanced subjects like mathematics and

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### ① First Screening Test:-

There would be first screening test those who qualify will progress to the next stage and those who failed will fall in the producer class.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Screening Test And.

### ② Military Training Test:-

This would be started from 18 years age to 20 years and those who qualify will be proceed to the next level and those who do not qualify will fall in the soldier class. (who will further received special training to serve their sole better).

## ⑨ Higher Education:- (20-35)

Subjects : All advanced subjects

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like mathematics, dialectics  
(Philosophy) etc

According to Plato, those  
students who have passed all  
the previous exams would  
be eligible for this exam.

In this stage they would  
study the critical course  
of philosopher, that are highly  
trained with rational thinking  
and justice

## ① Practical And Final Education:

Training for Philosophy:

this stage would be started  
from 35 to 50 in which  
they would provided with  
special training to become  
a philosopher with Theoretical  
education. And those who  
passed would be The  
"Philosopher" with vigorous  
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## Plato's Educational Scheme:

Stage	Age	Detail
Pre-primary	0-6	Gymnastic Physical education music.
Elementary Education	6-18	All fundamental subjects
1 <sup>st</sup> Screening		will fall in producer class
Military Training	18-20	to develop courage & discipline
Higher Education	20-35	Advanced Subjects.
Practical Education	35-50	Theoretical knowledge.

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### ① Criticism Of Plato's Educational Scheme:

Despite of being influential theory it also faced some criticism.

#### ① Unequal Access to Education on the Basis of Social class:-

In Plato's educational theory there was unequal access to education on the basis of class like rulers got the whole knowledge and all the stages and the soldier class also but to some extent while the peasant class was completely ignored

#### ② The Scheme was more theoretical and less practical:-

The education in this theory was more theoretical as compare to practical which was not focused that much (15 years practical knowledge and 35 years theoretical)

### ③ State-centric Education:

The education was merely based on state centric.

It was designed such that which was less focused on individual's development as compared to state that was keenly focused.

add more arguments.

### ④ Conclusion:-

Plato's Theory of education is a renowned theory based on different stages of education i.e. primary, elementary and higher to find out the specific capable individuals who can perform the role of philosopher in an ideal state. Despite criticism Plato's theory of education remains one of the greatest masterpieces in the western philosophy.

also discuss the critical analysis of this education system.

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that focused more on the interdependency of virtual thinking and collective ideas.