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Q Explain Prophet P.B.U.H, as an Educator?

Answer

Introduction

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) serve as an educator and a role model for the humanity. He carried Allah's divine message to the humanbeings and along with his prophethood he serve as a teacher, to teach his followers.

“I have been sent as a Teacher”

Hadith

He used several methods and practices which is still prevalent in contemporary education system i.e., Using gestures, teaching with love and kindness.

⇒ Importance Of Education In Quran:

The importance of ~~Quran~~ Education can be highlighted from the Quran. Allah said in the Quran,

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Read 'O Muhammad' in the name of Allah who created you - created human beings from a clinging clot.
Read - O Muhammad - Your Lord is the most generous - who taught by Pen - taught you when Humans know nothing.

Al-Alaq: 1-5

وقل رب زني علما

O Allah! Increase my knowledge.

⇒ Importance In Hadith

There are alot of Hadiths about the importance of seeking knowledge and pursuit of education. It has been said:

و تيسر من العلم القرآن

And the best among you is the one who teaches Quran

Hadith

And the ink of the Scholar is holier than the blood of martyr.

Emphasis In Constitution of Pakistan:

The importance of education can also be realized from the "Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan - 1973" which states in Article - 25(A) that, State must provide education to young of age six to adults.

=> Practical Steps Taken By Prophet (P.B.U.H)

① In Early Madina - Focus on Poetry:

Before prophet (P.B.U.H) migration to Medina, the Medinite educational institutions, focused solely on teaching poetry and literary texts.

② Mosques - also a hub of learning:

③ Transformation of Mosques into Schools:

After Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) arrival to Medina. He transformed Mosques into schools, means mosques were used for prayers as well as a hub of learning.

Holy Prophet build first mosque, "Masjid-e-Quba", after migrating to

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Medina. Which was also used as a school. After that "Suburb of Medina" was also established for prayers as well as learning.

③ First Islamic University:

The terrace of Masjid-e-Nabvi - which is known as Saffa in Arabic. About 80 companions used to study and learn over there. Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to come daily and teaching them. This place was known as "Al-Suffa". Those companions after achieving immense knowledge were sent to different places of Medina and worldwide to impart knowledge.

④ Syllabi:

The main purpose of teaching was to make the students understand the meaning of Quran and its implied meanings. Secondly the aim was to transform or mould the character of human beings. Third, to teach them Arabic language. Fourth, the main focus was on

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was teaching horse-riding, use of sword, archery etc.

5 Acquiring Foreign languages:

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) also focuses on learning foreign languages. So, that it would be easily for Prophet (P.B.U.H) and companions to impart and deliver teachings of Islam to other parts of the world.

=> Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) method of Teaching:

① Probing Pondering:

Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to polish the probing faculties of companions to focus on metaphysical subjects. He said:

Pondering for a moment is better than divine services, than prayer of whole night. Hadith

② Use of Gestures

Prophet (P.B.U.H) used to teach by using gestures. One example is that, "Once he was demonstrating the dread

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of doomsday. He closed his fists and then opened it with full force that even his body swayed and pulpit shook.

This shows that he gives importance to using gestures while explaining material.

③ Wisdom

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) focuses on acquiring wisdom along with seeking knowledge.

/ Guide people to the way of /
/ Allah with wisdom /

Al-Nahl : 195

④ Seeking useful knowledge:

Prophet (P.B.U.H) always enforces seeking useful and meaning knowledge not like early Arabs who were into learning poetry and literary works.

“O Allah! I pray for useful knowledge”

Conclusion:

This shows that true purpose of education was started by Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). He was the one who first establish educational institutes in the form of mosques. And also introduced meaningful methods of teaching the material. In this way, Prophet (P.B.U.H) is recognized as the model teacher and educator, who transforms the who Arabia peninsula just within 26 years span, and later on transformed the whole world.

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