

Q What is Jeremy Bentham Concept of Utilitarianism?

Answer

Introduction

Jeremy Bentham, a famous English writer and philosopher. He graduated from Queen's Cambridge and then pursue law degree, after completion, he never practised it. He proposed theory of utilitarianism, in which he focuses on human's desire to seek pleasure and avoid pain. He also talk about governments and its law making actions. Although it was a famous work but it also got some criticism.

⇒ Concept of Utilitarianism:

Utility:

Jeremy defined utility which means anything which contain goodness, virtue, happiness,

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benovolence and benefit - is counted under term utility.

Hedonistic Calculus

Jeremy Bentham was of the view that if human's seeking desire or pleasure outweighs pain, it goes for the pleasure even though it is wrong or harmful for the society.

Utilitarianism

Keeping in view, these two factors, it can be that human always seek pleasure instead of pain and used to avoid it.

Contribution and His Works

Jeremy Bentham mainly contributed in forming legal reforms, while he was from an attorney family background, and was himself a lawyer.

Secondly, Bentham also wrote literary works and published it with a little fear.

The reason, he greatly criticized Church authorities for being too harsh and sentencing death penalties.

Two Famous Works

⇒ An Introduction to happiness and Morals

⇒ A fragment of Government

① A fragment of Government

Bentham theory of Utilitarianism remaining concepts were discussed in his this book.

In this book he mentioned that; Government and law makers should adopt those actions and principles which focuses on achieving greater happiness and great benefits for society.

⇒ Lawmakers should see that how can laws or actions achieve happiness, to how much extent and how long will it stay?

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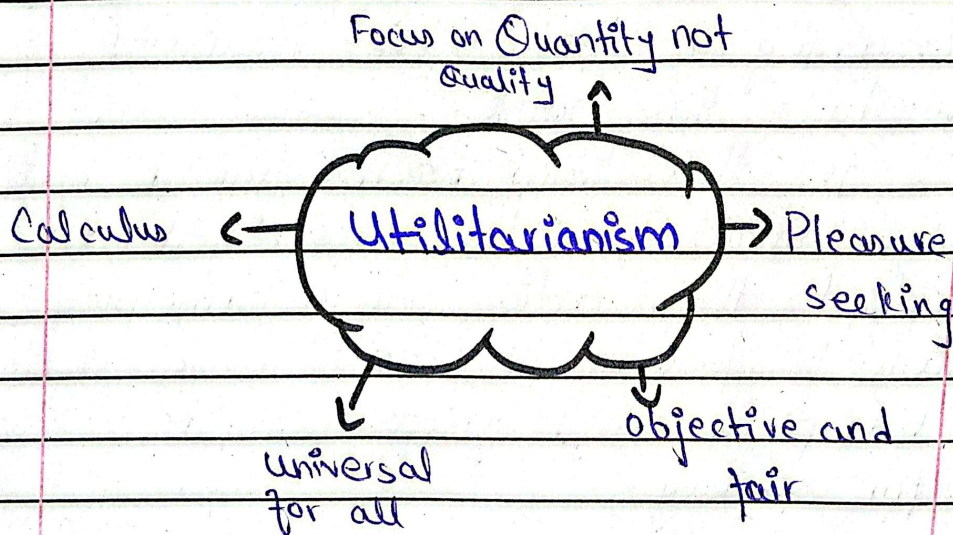
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2 An Introduction to happiness and morals:

In this Bentham focuses that Human nature work under two behavioural aspects which is "pleasure" and "pain".

Now, it is up to them that which one they choose and how they lead regulate their lives under given aspects.

=> General Arguments of Theory:



④ Humans Focus on Quantity

According to the idea of utilitarianism, ~~that~~ humans focuses on achieving numbers of happiness. They are not into achieving Quality.

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Of happiness.

② Universal nature of Humans.

All humans are pleasure-seekers, not one focus on rationality of decisions and actions. But only seeking happiness, even if it is bad.

③ Objective and fair

Jeremy Bentham says that humans such quality is totally objective means it has been identified and recognized in them. That's why it becomes a basis of philosophy.

→ Conclusion

After all, it can be said that Jeremy Bentham philosophy focuses on two broader aspects means nature of Humans and nature of state. Humans who are more into achieving pleasure and desire is universal and objective. While government and

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and law-makers also needs to focus on such aspect of humans and should make such rules which can attain a greater happiness for society.

After analyzing this underlying features it can be said that ~~at~~ utilitarianism philosophy central focus is society welfare, liberalism, and freedom.

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