

Redefining progress

In every era, the meaning of progress has often misunderstood. In contemporary times advancement is commonly equated to economic development, technological innovation and material comfort but they do not lead to social harmony, or individual fulfillment. The unchecked pursuit of wealth often result in social inequality. As economic competition grows fiercer, individuals become increasingly alienated from one another and societies lose the sense of shared purpose that binds communities together. Education is often reduced to a tool for employability education produced skilled workers not thoughtful citizens. A society that invest solely in infrastructure while neglecting character formation constructs an

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fragile foundation. Thus progress
should not be assessed by the
abundance of goods a society
produce but the quality of life
it ensure for its members

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Comprehension

- ① what is the author's view of modern progress?

Modern progress is often measured in terms of economic growth and technological advancement, however, it has created a lot of new challenges that question the meaning of development.

- ② why does the author consider economic growth alone insufficient for true development?

The author considers economic growth alone insufficient for true development because true development cannot be confined to material prosperity alone. It must include the well-being of individuals, the preservation of natural resources and the promotion of social justice.

③ What dangers does unchecked industrialization pose to society?

Industrialization poses dangers to society are environmental degradation, widening economic inequalities, and a decline in social cohesion. As a result societies are increasingly confronted with the dilemma of choosing between unchecked growth and sustainable development.

④ Explain the role of education as highlighted in the passage.

In this context, education plays a vital role. An informed and critically thinking population can make better decision about environment, which can favor long-term stability over short-term gains.

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