

Title: India's beggary commundrum

Q2 Beggers continue to rise in India and even the sacred cities like Varanasi is filled with beggers. The question is not about its causes but rather how it impacts the society. One of the reasons behind the surge in begging associated with religious beliefs that guarantees Moksha for one's generosity towards beggers. Such religious beliefs encourage beggers to continue such practices and pass these to the next generation. Another reason is the widely held fear of a beggar's curse. This is why practices where beggars drape in colored garb go door to door for begging perpetuate. However, with the increase in literacy this problem has come under scrutiny. Although poverty and unemployment has caused an increase in begging, the real reason is ingrained penchant for begging. It is important to spread awareness among people that charity to healthy individuals is not right. The state should also enact laws to deter such practices especially in sacred cities.

- Q3) 1) According to the writer, the freedom from the machines that we are so engrossed will become a scarcity in the future. We are so preoccupied with these machines that we hardly have to ~~be~~ spare for anything else, and in the future we will desperately seek time away from such technologies. In this way, the author explains that freedom from the endless use of mobile phones and technologies of such ilk ~~is~~ will become a scarcity in the future.
- 2) With the constant inflow of data people are losing time and energy to think about other important aspects. People have less time to think or invest in themselves. This is exactly what the wiser people like Marshal McLuhan had reminded us. Hence, people are so engrossed in their phones that they don't have the time to ~~&~~ ponder over other aspects ~~of~~ of life.
- 3) The author meant that machines have made it easier for humans to perform our day to day task. These machines have granted us the luxury of time by

helping us expedite our daily tasks. Yet our constant use and dependence over the very same machines have deprived us ~~with~~ of the time to engage in what truly matters. This is what the author meant.

4) People are taking interest in old-age fads ~~to~~ to take out time for themselves. People in the modern times have far less time for themselves which takes a toll on their cognitive functionality. Therefore, people actively engage in yoga and meditation to not only relieve some stress but to stimulate cognition.

5) Modern man is unable to empathise with others because it involves our ~~ne~~ neural process that is slow and entails time and effort to grow. Our lives today leave us with little to no time for development of this process. This is why modern man lacks the ability to empathise with others.

- Q4) a) Faheem used to wear glasses when he was younger, but now he has contact lenses.
- b) Salma has taken her driving test five times so far without success, but she didn't give up.
- c) Sir Azhar Afzal has been reading a novel for five days.
- d) The price of onions has come down.
- e) He is said to be suffering from fever.

Q5) A) Hodja always wanted to learn something new, and one day he had a sudden inspiration to learn how to play the lute. He approached a music teacher and asked him, "How much do you charge for private lute lessons?" The teacher replied, "Three silver pieces for the first month, and after that one silver piece a month". "Oh great", Hodja explained, "then I'll start from the second month".

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Q6) B) Maggie asked Tom ~~that~~ how much money ~~that~~ he had given for rabbits.

Tom said that he gave Five shillings and Six pence.

Maggie said that she thought that she had more than that in her box upstairs and that she would ask her mother to give it to him.

Tom said that he did not want her money and that he had far more money.

Maggie said that she wanted to buy more rabbits

Q7) The duty of a student is to acquire knowledge from teachers and books. That can light up the dark paths of life for them. In the fulfillment of this duty, consistency and steady temperament are required. Any external factor that hinders this goal, should be kept away from domain of education. Otherwise, there is a risk that the student's education will remain incomplete, and the precious time for acquiring education will be lost.

More than mere political worker who circumscribe themselves to political intrigues, the country requires individuals that possess knowledge of both Eastern and Western sciences, religious sciences, and worldly sciences. Political factors should not interfere with education. It is said that our education standards are lower compared to Western countries, to some extent this is the result of our economic conditions. And maybe it is not untrue to say that teachers lack the sincerity to develop a passion for knowledge among students. But, the primary responsibility lies with students themselves.