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An Investment in Knowledge
Pays The Best Interest

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Any kind of investment in gaining knowledge and education can bring all sorts of rewards to oneself. Investment of time, energies and money to acquire knowledge is an all-times successful trade. It mentally grows mental capacities of an individual, morally benefits a society, and stabilizes national and global economies.

2. Understanding the notion of investment in knowledge and best reward

3. Investment of time, energies and money in getting knowledge

a. A knowledgeable individual outsmarts others e.g., Zara Noor Abbas, Moeen Abbas

b. Investment in knowledge is an investment in building morality and strong family ties

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c. Knowledgeable societies get a level-playing field to grow e.g., Public libraries in Japan

d. Educated nations build strong democracies e.g., Norway and Sweden have strong democracies and education systems

e. Countries with less investment in knowledge face political uncertainties

e.g., 2.6 books read by ^{Per} Pakistanis in 2023

f. Financial investments in knowledge ascertain space expeditions e.g.,

Chandrayan-III to South pole of moon

g. Investment in knowledge has saved the world from pandemics e.g., Covid-19 vaccine by Harvard students

4. Far-reaching rewards and outcomes of preferring knowledge and education

a. Smart educated individuals benefit the world at large e.g., Microsoft office developed by Bill Gates

b. Skilled societies can compete in the modern digital world e.g., skilled and knowledge societies contributing 50% to the world GDP

c. A shortcut for developing countries to outgrow their economies e.g., India

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the largest economy of ^{South} Asia

- d. A tool to tackle violent protests in developing economies. e.g. 35 lakh books sold in ^{Batouchistan} Kithab mela
- e. Can help the world to address contemporary issues like pandemic and climate change e.g., Book "Deep Work" and e-learning platforms

5. Conclusion

Any kind of investment in gaining knowledge and education can bring all sorts of investments to oneself. Investment of the time, energies and money to acquire knowledge is an all times successful trade. It grows mental capacities of an individual, morally benefits a society, and stabilizes national and global economies. Developed societies and nations have strong roots of knowledge. It starts with educated individuals, who ^{can} outsmart other gives his strong knowledge base. Societies, which are made off such individuals have solid morality principles and family ties. They have level-playing field and grows as

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a nation that observe democratic political systems. Countries with lesser investments in knowledge and education system often face political turmoils. This investment means that the countries could compete with each other on all fronts including space, as well as, can save each other from pandemics and natural calamities. Likewise, the outsmart individuals benefits the world in digital settings and skilled labour brings / produces desired outcomes to strengthen the national and international GDPs. Countries, which have educated individuals can use their expertise to build strong judicial and governance bodies to outcast violent uprisings and protests. Therefore, investment in knowledge is beneficial at all levels from an individual, to a society, to a nation, and lastly to the world at large.

A knowledgeable individual can easily outsmart other individuals. He has prior knowledge of different fields and subjects to further develop his expertise on the subject. Secondly,

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Spending time in books teaches oneself the patience and control of nerves, which a knowledgeable person ^{can} use at any point in time. ACCTA topper Zaya Noor Abbas and CA topper Meera are the prominent examples of investing time and energies in knowledge that eventually gave them a worldwide recognition. Ergo, it highlights the capabilities of an individual and helps him to outshine in large gatherings.

Investment in knowledge is basically an investment in building morality and strong family ties in a society. Morality reflects from the personality of an individual, who is educated and have knowledge of good old principles like strong family ties. Hazrat Ali (R.A) is a prime example of a man who is a "Gate to knowledge and wisdom" (Sahih Muslim). He taught through his character the value of family ties and significance of the principles like justice, equity, and tolerance for a society. Hence, once the knowledge engraves in a mind and in a person

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ality it results in widespread morality that strengthens family ties.

Knowledgeable societies get level-playing field to grow. Humans are born equal according to the Natural Law. However, it's the knowledge that determines its role in a society.

It has the potential to include and exclude individuals. However, once a society is educated it gets level-playing field to grow. Japan has open street libraries which are accessible to everyone without discrimination.

One can read as many books as he wants and can donate new books. It is actually a strategy to grant knowledge in an indirect manner to those, who lack finances and time to get education.

To simply put, nothing but only knowledge provides level playing field to everyone.

These educated nations develop strong democracies. Democracy is a way of electing a political government which represents the majority. It gets stronger with excessive public participation and voting. It is only possible with

educated societies that are familiar with the power of voting. Democracies like Norway and Sweden are world's strongest democracies because these states have most advanced education system of the world. People are educated and familiar with their right to vote and uses it wisely. Therefore, strong education systems have top ranked democratic systems in the world.

On the other hand, countries with less investment in knowledge face political uncertainties. People who negligible level of understanding of international affairs and do not understand its effect on domestic economies. For instance, war between Russia and Ukraine have a major impact on the oil markets. However, countries like Pakistan, where only 2.6 books were read by an average Pakistani in 2023 according to Gallup Pakistan, cannot understand this co-relation. As a result every fluctuation in domestic matters results in political uncertainties affecting the country as a whole.

Not only domestic matters, ~~know~~ financial investments in knowledge and education sector ascertain the space expeditions. It is a modern world in which the winner will basically have control of space or at least know the complexities of space. Developed as well as the developing countries are now investing in space education. Initially, USA and Russia invested in it as a "space war", however, today even developing countries are investing in space scientists like China and India. India has successfully launched and landed Chandrayan-III on South pole of the moon - all credit goes to the scientific studies. To simply put, investment in space expeditions is the best investment of current times.

From space to medical emergencies, investment in knowledge pursuits has saved the world from pandemics. Medical field is a product of continuous study of diseases, human bodies and medicines. This study has saved the world from

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pandemics like influenza, black cough, malaria, and typhoid. latest example of Corona virus, which erupted in 2020. Different scientists started studying the virus, then eventually, a medical students group from Harvard University introduced/prepared Pfizer vaccine and tried to save the humanity. It's formula was later on purchased by a pharmaceutical company. Hence, medical studies and knowledge saved the world from Covid-19 pandemic.

Investment of time, energies and finances in education have far-reaching rewards and outcomes. Firstly, the smart educated individual not only benefit their society but also ^{to} the world. It's prominent example is Bill Gates, who introduced the world with Microsoft Office. It introduced that how by doing smart innovations can save plenty of time of others. During his high school Bill Gates thoroughly studied ^{about} Computers and then developed microsoft office excel, power point, and word to help

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individuals in studies, as well as, businesses. To conclude, educated individuals benefit everyone.

This is how skilled societies are formed, which can compete in the digital world. Educated and well-informed individuals update their skills from time to time to compete in the digital world. These individuals have a highest share in the development of strong GDPs and economies. Studies reveal that globally skilled and knowledgeable labour force contributes 50% to the world economy. It implies that economies are strengthened with strong and educated minds.

Developing countries, which struggle to maintain their economic growth can use it as a tool to outgrow their GDPs. As a matter of fact, world politics and international relations are determined by the economic growth of a country. Developing countries often find it difficult to manage their relations with strong economies. However, at the same time developing economies like India have largely invested

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on its education system and now has become largest economy of South Asia and second largest economy of Asia. It is evident that for developing countries increasing the knowledge base of its citizens is a shortcut to grow their economies.

Developing countries further face a problem of violent protests, which can certainly be tackled by educating the masses. Education gives power to the masses to voice out inequalities, injustices, discriminations and violences. Individuals know that they can peacefully resolve these issues instead of going for violent protest. Recently, in Kitaab Mela in Balochistan, 35 lakh books were sold. It gives a ray of hope that people are investing their time and money on books which will bring peace to them in the end.

In addition to this, power of knowledge will help the masses to address contemporary issues like pandemic and climate change to make the world liveable. During

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pandemic the world learnt about learning through digital means. It came out as a revolution in the knowledge. Secondly, it will help the world in tackling climate change a contemporary threat posed to the world. According to the book "Deep Work" human life is all about "learning, unlearning, and relearning," which means changes in weather patterns can be tackled by learning, unlearning and relearning about the environment, nature and weather patterns. To simply put pursuits of knowledge are the saviours of the world.

To close the discussion, one with a slightest idea of having knowledge and fruits of being knowledgeable, would chase for more. It develops the mental capacities of an individual, outshines him in a crowd and helps him to be a beneficial member of a society. Likewise, investments in form of finances, time and energies to provide far-reaching benefits

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by strengthening the economies, and developing the skilled labour force. It can help the nations to compete with others on digital, as well as, scientific fronts that would help the world as a whole.

Lastly, wisdom of knowledge and education have been saving the world from natural, ^{and medical} calamities and will continue to do so an infinite time span. In the words of Malala Yousaf Zai:

"One child, one book, one pen, and one teacher can change the world."
