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AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST

1) Introduction:

Investment in knowledge is the best kind of investment as it ensures the personal, societal and economic growth.

2) Investment in knowledge is better than other kinds of investment.

a) Knowledge cannot be stolen or lost.

b) Guarantees the advancement in life through continuous learning.

c) Gaining knowledge is permanent and an investment which grows with its use.

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3) Benefits of investing in knowledge

a) Ensures the personal growth and thinking abilities.

b) Enhances the career opportunities and financial stability.

c) Changes mindset with the evolving period of time.

d) Drives innovation and technological progress.

e) Ensures the economic and social development.

f) Develops the skilled leaders.

g) Promotes the good governance system.

4) Conclusion

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"As & those equal who know and those who do not know," (Quran). Gaining knowledge is the best kind of investment. Nobody can deny the benefits of gaining knowledge and improving skills. In this modern era, where everybody is in a continuous race to achieve the standard goals and destination, knowledge can help to get over all the hurdles. Moreover, it is that kind of investment which grows with use and ensures the stability. It is not only beneficial to personal growth but also guarantees the societal and economic prosperity. Furthermore, it has a lasting impact on generations as it develops the skilled leaders and better

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governance system. Hence, it is the best form of investment as it ensures the personal, societal and economic growth.

Investment in knowledge cannot be stolen or lost. Unlike the financial investment, a person has no fear of losing it. No one can steal the benefits of knowledge from the person who works hard to gain it. Moreover, it is that investment which leads a person from darkness to light. People who invest in gaining knowledge know that this kind of investment will never deceive them. Rather, it will give them benefits after multiplying them. According to Plato,

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in his given idea of "Allegory of Cave", knowledge leads a person from ignorance or shadow to enlightenment or truth. Hence, investment in knowledge remains with the person people who thrive to achieve it.

Knowledge ensures the advancement in life through continuous learning. It is that kind of circles which has no end. People gain knowledge to get their desired goals by gaining skills. They never stop after achieving that goal as they strive to advance in their field. Moreover, it is engrained in human psyche that they never stop at any point in their life. According to Behavioral theory, people

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learn through reinforcements and punishments ^{By} keeping in mind the prior experience or knowledge, people grow and progress in any field of life. Hence, investment in knowledge is a step which leads to advancement in life through continuous learning.

Gaining knowledge is a permanent kind of investment which grows with use. There is no limit to any kind of knowledge. It grows with the passage of time. This whole world is like an input which processes in human mind to give them the better outcome. As Allah says in Quran that people should notice all the signs of this world to

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solve all the riddles and problems. Moreover, human beings are endowed with best analytical skills. Their knowledge grows with experience and observation as Aristotle conceives in the idea of empiricism. Hence, knowledge grows with its use.

Knowledge ensures the personal growth and thinking abilities. A person who is well-equipped with knowledge, has a deep view and understanding of all the matters. Moreover, knowledge gives them the scholarly view which improves the personality of a person. People give more weightage to the opinion of those scholars, leaders and influencers who

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have more knowledge in their specific field. As Allah says in Quran, "pondering for a moment is better than spending the whole night in prayer." Moreover, as according to Alvin Toffler's concept, "illite" "illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." Hence, knowledge improves the personality of a person by improving the thinking capabilities.

Ex. Knowledge enhances the career opportunities and financial stability. By improving skills and knowledge people can get more job opportunities which make them

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financially independent. There are various sources of gaining knowledge including online learning skills, paid courses and institutions guaranteeing the enhancement in knowledge and skills. Moreover, people, who belong to a weaker segment of society, find it as a source of their independence. They learn skills including cooking, financing, freelancing and entrepreneurship. Women, children and disable people gain knowledge through online sources which give them better career opportunities. As according to Maslow's Theory of Hierarchical Needs, people strive to fulfill their basic needs first, including food and shelter, and then moves to higher level of needs. They Above of all, they

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gain knowledge and education to ensure their financial stability. Hence, knowledge is a step which takes person to higher level of financial stability.

Knowledge changes the mindset with the evolving period of time. With the passage of time, people need to adapt to new circumstances and opportunities available at that period. This world evolves from primitive societal structure to advanced technological era. Moreover, people who gain knowledge and skills, by keeping in mind the new demands, will ultimately succeed in this modern era. Furthermore, people who stick to their old living standards

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and notions, will lose the game.

As according to Darwin's Theory of evolution, people ^{or species} who ^{fail to} evolve continuously with time, will ultimately extinct. Hence, knowledge gives the new opportunities and thinking patterns to evolve in this changing world.

Knowledge drives innovation and technological progress. Human societies progress from agricultural era to technological era. Humans come up with the new ideas of machines, technologies and innovative systems which make their life more facile. They progress from a small automatic machine to space exploration techniques. They never stop to enhance their knowledge in

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any field of life. For example, Bill Gates and Elon Musk are gaining the fame all over the world by enhancing their knowledge and skills. Moreover, India is gaining the power by advancing in technological skills. Hence, knowledge leads to innovation and technological progress.

Knowledge ensures the economic and social development. Improving knowledge and skills in any field ensure the ~~low~~ high employment ratio and developing opportunities. Countries which divert their focus on improving knowledge are leading the whole world. China, Russia, US and India are maintaining

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their hegemony because they enhance their knowledge in nuclear technologies, weapons, and missiles. As according to Global Dominance Theory, developed nations will keep their hegemony by spreading their culture, education and notions all over the world. Hence, knowledge leads to ↑ ^{progress in} economic and social sector of life and to control the world by keeping hegemony.

Nations which focus on improving the knowledge of children develop the skilled leaders. Cultural narratives, notions and customs pass from generation to generation. People who ensure the best learning environment produces

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The skilled leaders. As Napoleon says, "give me an educated woman, I will give you an educated nation." Many leaders come to the scene after improving their knowledge. For example, Abraham Lincoln led US during the civil war and he was a great leader who had improved his knowledge by consulting law books. Leaders, who have a great knowledge, know how to unite their nations and how to save their ships from any kind of storm. Hence, knowledge makes the leaders more skilled and efficient.

Knowledge promotes the good governance system. Lack of efficiency, training and knowledge lead to weak

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governance in a country. When people have knowledge and skills of governing, the whole system will get better from the grassroot to the upper level.

Distribution of resources, manage funds and taxation system need a lot of knowledge and training. When the governing system get better, the whole nation enjoys the fruit of prosperity. Knowledge is only the key to control the societies.

As according to Michael Foucault's idea of 'knowledge', the power to control and regulate societies come by a great knowledge.

Hence, knowledge is the major factor in regulating the governance system.

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In a nutshell,
investing in gaining knowledge
is like investing in a project
which gives double profit
without any loss. There are
many modes of learning any
kind of knowledge and skill.
This investment ensures the
progress and prosperity of an
individual, society and a
nation. It leads people to the
step of continuous success
without pushing them backward.
Moreover, by investing in gaining
knowledge, people have no fear
of losing the profit or facing the
setback. It grows more when
a person strives to achieve
more. Furthermore, it is a
way to grow personally, economically
and socially. This world has
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implying the use of knowledge.
There ^{is} ~~has~~ no limit of age, caste,
gender and nationality. Every
human being can invest in
it and they can reap the
fruit of investing in it.