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English Essay

New skills generation is learning unprecedented from social media.

Brainstorming:

- AI

- Jobs
- education
- entertainment
- news - current issues
- multi-skilled
- Analysis
- COVID-19 } online education

Resources - Global North - vs - Global South

lib. concious mind vs concious mind

John Adams quote

Outline:

1 - ✓ Introduction:

2 ✓ The twenty-first century has opened multiple portals for the nourishment of intellect and social media stands as the primary one.

- ✓ a- Mainstream education along with social media learning has proved beneficial lately.
- ✓ b- Social media provides a diverse library of opportunities.
- ✓ c- Role of "Artificial Intelligence" and its incorporation in the field of education has connected social media more closely towards this field.
- ✓ d- Social media provides in-depth, relevant and contemporary analysis on issues, which books would never be able to achieve.
- e. Social media provides an opportunity to be multi-skilled and excel, rather than the old concept of "mastery" in one discipline.

3- Although twenty-first century has opened multiple gateways for education, it has ~~not~~ made students more vulnerable to the demerits of social media.

a. Social media, as a tool to assist mainstream education is less relevant ~~and~~ but more, ~~of~~ as a distraction to the youth.

✓ b. Social media has been the hub of cyber crimes and students are more involved in it.

✓ c. The incorporation of Artificial Intelligence might prove to be an intellectual death for humans in near future, when seen through the lens of education.

- d. Large chunks of data on social media provide relevant information but it becomes a herculean task to go through them.

- e. Jack of all trades, master of none.

4. Youth can reap the fruitful benefits of social media to upgrade their skills but at the same time, they are

equally vulnerable to its dark side. Only way forward is a balance between mainstream education and social media one, as to benefit from both sides in terms of skills.

5. Summation

6. Conclusion

(40 min. outline)

The dawn of the twenty-first century is surely the one of globalization and social media has proved itself as an important connector in this regard. Social media has become a mouth piece of down-trodden in the context of education, learning, news, entertainment and even jobs in some cases. Growing presence of creators from around the world has rendered social media as the centre of global information. Youth is able to get any information with a tap on their screens but it is not, of course, without a cost. On the backend, the promotion of epicurean lifestyle by the social media has resulted in dismal performances in the field of research and development, that is, complacency might on a high if the trends continue with the current rate. Global connectedness has exacerbated the situation when it comes to low-lying areas of the society. Inability of underdeveloped world to keep pace with the developed

ones, due to lack of resources, has put them on the verge of chaos. As evident from the past and as claimed by the developing and underdeveloped world, the "Global North" has gained all the fruits at the expense of the "Global South". Hence, a class-distinction and more gap between the two sides ~~was~~ has been created due to influx of social media. Youth should come forward and lend a helping hand in lifting the vulnerable segments through education. Educated, yet, skillful youth is the epitome of a bright future, which is only feasible by the incorporation of social media in mainstream education and its availability to all segments of the society equally.

In his book, "I can read with my eyes shut!", "Dr. Seuss" talks about the linkage between education and skills in a poetic way. Dr. says, "The more that you read, the more that you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places

you'll go." The huge chunk of information available on social media, is junk if it only stays in the sub-conscious mind and does not become a part of any practicality. In the past, books were the only source of education but today, books are one of the many sources of education and essentially, not the primary ones. In fact, it is difficult to characterize the primary sources when a list of sources is provided. Social media continuously provides information which becomes a set of the subconscious mind. To employ this information to practical use, mainstream education comes in handy. In other words, only social media's education is of no use but a junk of data while only mainstream education is ineffective and incapable to keep up with the modern trends. Social media educates about the contemporary trends in any field of interest and hence, makes the read one as the learned one in the conscious mind. The

concept has been summed up by Dr. Seuss in his book. Moreover, the ~~can~~ global education and human development reports materialize the above fact at a number of instances. World has seen a greater shift towards modern means of education after 2019-2020. The result is more developments and enhanced connectivity globally. Therefore, mainstream education topped with social media one has created ~~a~~ men of letters worldwide and has proved beneficial lately.

Social media provides inexpensive, readily available and diversified library of opportunities, which, for some is a plus on its side. As compared with the mainstream education in the past, limited knowledge was available in ~~form~~ form of books. Although the importance of books cannot be denied, social media gains an upper hand when it comes to updated and variable points of views. Social media has turned the tables on

"availability" found. The ability to shape the narratives not only impacts masses but also, in some sense defines their days to come. While the diversity may range from topic to topic, it will always have two sides to be viewed by the audience. In simpler words, the narratives built by social media are subjective in their true sense rather than the objective ones, that is, individuals themselves decide for them. It is a positive benchmark on the end of social media that it does not draw conclusions but presents the arguments from both sides to be viewed, leaving the conclusion upon readers. Hence, the critical thinking ability also finds a spot in this regard.

Therefore, the diversified library of opportunities provide by the social media is indispensable for intellectual growth in the current era. Opportunities are for those who look for them and social media portrays an example in this regard.

One of the primary purposes of education is skillful learning. With the incorporation of "Artificial Intelligence (AI)," education is more closely related to social media in all of its aspects. Artificial Intelligence has opened multiple yet unexplored gateways recently. Learning about them is crucial for their development in the years to come. A collective approach by the use of social media will render progress in the fields of technology and development. Biological sciences has already employed AI, which has started giving fruitful results. A recent study of AI showed that incorporation of AI proved fruitful for cancerous patients. Scientists were able to identify and destroy the cancerous cells from a sample, which is a hallmark in the field of biotechnology and biological sciences. Moreover, similar developments have been seen in the fields of botany, astronomy, engineering sciences and food sciences. By employing AI,

Japanese scientists have been able to design buildings that are earth-quake resistant. The geo-graphical location of Japan makes it vulnerable to frequent threats of tsunamis and earthquakes. By modifying the truss structure of the building and using bearings in its base, resulted in a building structure that can resist vibrations. Similarly, Chinese botanists have been successful in developing more efficient seeds for crops which will enable them to meet the growing demand of food for such a large population. So, the employment of Artificial Intelligence, in the field of education has rendered useful results with the communities worldwide by greater influx of information through social media.

Books, as it is popularly quoted, are the man's best friend. But, since the advent of social media, the quotation has become vague due to multiple reasons. Books might be ask to provide the information and analysis of the

past and the Time being, but they fail when it comes to contemporary analysis or the analysis at time the book is being read. This issue is solved by social media, as it provides in-depth, comprehensive and contemporary analysis. As already quoted, social media enjoys a vast viewership globally and therefore, presents point of views for from diverse backgrounds at individual, social, state and global level. For instance, the current hot topic in the global strategic affairs is the war in middle-east. Books, no doubt, are readily available that talk about historical social and psychological perspective of the conflict but it is social media that provides with up-to-date information. Social media, in this case, has provided the relevant geo-political economic and technological repercussions of the conflict on a global scale, which remain unaddressed by the books. Therefore, an upper-hand to social media is

already available, in forms of
comprehensive and contemporary landscape
of issues worldwide.

The necessary aspect of
social media is its provision
of multi-skilled learning and
hence, an opportunity for individuals
to excel in multiple fields.

This concept has been popular
after COVID-19, when companies
started to fire employees due
to economic downturn globally. As
a result, people with
mono-skilled livelihood, faced the
wrath of global recession. Companies,
now, prefer hiring one individual
with multiple skills rather than
multiple individuals with one skill
each. It saves them time and
cuts down the employee cost.

Mainstream education will take
time to address the issue, of course,
by incorporating multi-disciplinary
knowledge for each field. But,
social media provides readily
available knowledge and hence,
provides an opportunity to be
multi-skilled. In this way, the

old concept of "marketing" in
one discipline is ~~no~~ neither
relevant nor it is of any
use to the hiring managers. Hence,
social media education along with
the main stream education becomes
necessary in this regard.

Although, twenty-first century
has opened multiple gateways
for education and skill-based
learning, critics argue that it
will be downward trend of
the graph for the learning and
intellectual landscape. Social media
has made students more
vulnerable to online presence and
hence, their learning is affected.
While the merits of social
media hold its place in
the educational arena, its
dark side must be viewed before
drawing any conclusions. Peddling
through the influx of information
on social media, youth
might encounter several issues,
prime of which is cyber crime.
A number of detrimental
effects are listed here, which

The critics talk about. The demerits of the amalgam of social media and education is necessary to finally reach a conclusion.

While the youth finds most of the relevant information through their mainstream education and receives only a portion of it online, social media is more of a tool for distraction. Due to the fact that most of the online world is just entertainment, finding anything useful could be a herculean task. The threat of this distraction comes in the form of time-management for students in most cases and in terms of psychological damage in the severe ones. Individuals exposed pro-longly to social media become addicted to its entertainment face. As a result, they need more and more dopamine over the period of time. Rather than finding anything useful on the internet, entertainment becomes their only

source of motivation throughout. Hence, social media instead of assisting the mainstream knowledge, does more harm rather good.

No doubt that the deep web is still the hub of heinous crimes around the globe. The spill over of these crimes have been seen in the form of cyber crimes over social media. Most of the individuals involved belong from the developing world. In the past, individuals from South Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and North America were more involved in these crimes. Surprisingly, a report by "United Nations" reveal that more than 50% of the individuals were students. Crimes like cyber theft and data breach are the ones, that are mostly committed. Further, individuals from South Asia were found involved in acts of terrorism against their own state. Therefore, social media as a hub of learning is no more relevant because of multiple operations simultaneously.

The year 2023 marks the milestone for incorporation of Artificial Intelligence in most of the fields of daily life. Critics argue that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be the end of human beings. An expert of the field himself talks about the dangers of AI. He says, "Humans are no match to Artificial Intelligence, what jobs are left for humans?" The prominent name in the field of science and technology, "Stephen Hawking" long ago predicted about its dangers. He said, "The development of full Artificial Intelligence could spell the end of human race." While the dangers of AI are prominent, critics argue that AI will be the intellectual death of humans in near future, when seen through the lens of education. AI along with social media has promoted complacency in its first year of boom and in the years to come, the predictions by the experts of the fields might be true, if not dealt at the earliest.

The foregoing conclusion of the above school of thoughts presents the situation in a near future iffy and sketchy. Although social media has provided a number of opportunities in assisting the mainstream education, it is not without any cost. Social media provides a diversified range of opportunities to individuals and with the advent of AI, it has bridged the gap between communities, making it easier to learn and grow. It also provides in-depth discussion and insights by presenting various point of views, hence, assisting in narrative building. The diverse, yet unexplored portals by social media provide an opportunity to be multi-skilled and excel in multiple fields by meeting the demands of the time.

To sum up the discussion it is softly concluded that, new generation might has the prospects for a bright future.

but it must be dealt by then accordingly. The subjective nature of social media learning provides equal and diversified opportunity for all to upgrade their skills and showcase in relevant disciplines yet the cost of vulnerability might be high. To deal with such situations multiple roles from the pyramid of society can come in handy. Youth can reap the fruitful benefits of social media by ~~not~~ rather dealing it ~~efficiently~~ ^{compacently} efficiently. A positive way forward is a balanced education approach between mainstream education and the social media one. This balance could be achieved by individual's own check on their social media usage. It in then a silver lining of benefit from both sides in terms of skills could be achieved otherwise, the dark side will continue to be the sword of damocles in the coming years.