

Essay Writing

Mock 1st

Topic: Criminal neglect of child labour and its consequences.

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Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time. (Chinese Philosopher, Lau Tzu) Instead of solving the problem temporarily, a permanent solution should be taught. Child labour is also such a problem that needs permanent solution.

There are various factors responsible for child labour such as overpopulation, poverty, lack of education, economic hardships and lack of technical / skilled education. However, Criminal neglect of child labour also has some consequences like deprivation of child from education, physical

and social abuse, class race, and health issues. Rise in human trafficking and low income families make vulnerable to child labour can be some other consequences. Therefore, there is a need to take several steps to ^{control} menace of child labour like role of law and different authorities. Society and ^{criminal} culture may be another step. Social protection safety nets leads to economic stability and civil society and NGO's can perform their due to reduce child labour. In a nut shell, child labour is a crime that forces small children to perform various works. However, by taking practical / pragmatic steps, the menace of child labour can be reduced.

According to Wikipedia
Child labour means the
employment of children in
an industry or business, especially
when illegal or considered
exploitative. Today, 160 million
children are in child labour.

This is almost one in ten
children world wide. Nearly
1 in 10 children are subjected
to child labour world wide,
with some force into hazardous
work through trafficking (**UNICEF,
for every child**)

A 2022
study carried out by the
International Labour Organisation
revealed that one in every
four households in Pakistan
employs a child in domestic
work. The study further
highlighted that child domestic
labour is prevalent across all

Provinces, involves more girls than boys, and predominantly employs children between the ages of 10 and 14 years.

After an overview of the criminal neglect of child labour, it's time to delineate various factors responsible for child labour.

Firstly, rising overpopulation has posed threats to human resources as well as natural resources. World population has reached 8 billion on Nov 15, 2022 according to the United Nations. Owing to overpopulation, unemployment rate is increasing and children of middle or lower class families are forced to work. According to UN, 9% of all children in lower-middle-income countries,

and 7% of all children in upper-middle-income countries, are in child labour.

The other factor that indicates the existence of child labour is perpetuating poverty. Poverty is considered the backbone of all evils.

Climate change profoundly affects child labour by affecting the livelihood of vulnerable individuals and leading them towards poverty.

Poverty enables responsibilities on the shoulder of every individual that triggers them towards child labour.

Another factor that forces children to adopt child labour is lack of access to education.

Children, almost all around the world, are dropping out from schools in huge numbers because of

different problems such as economic, social, culture and ~~there~~ no access of transportation. Without basic education, it's hard to join any of the forum. That's why there is constant rise in child labour.

Similarly, families in economic hardships are forced to become victims of child labour. Rising in inflation across the globe has forced individuals to adopt every single mean of earning either legal or illegal. Children, facing economic disparities, perform labour work in different sectors to fulfil their basic needs and desires such as food, health, shelter and medicine.

Like wise, lack of technical education can also be considered

another factor responsible for child labour. No educational institute in Pakistan offers a program of technical education. In modern world, where the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is expovensing in every sector but majority of individuals even lack basic computer / technological skills to operate such help ful tools such as Chatgpt, Chatbot and others. Apart from these technological skills, other life skills are also required to be learned in order to face the short comings of life.

After discussing factors responsible for child labour, it's time to have a glance on the consequence of child labour. To start with, this is

the deprivation of child from educational institutes. Children involved in child labour have zero access to school life which fall them short in current race of modern technology.

Education is the basic right of every individual. As Holy prophet said, "Seek knowledge if you have to go to china."

Holy prophet also said "Seeking knowledge is mandatory for every man and woman". Even the first word revealed

by Allah Almighty was 'Iqra' which means "to read". Most of the children being involved in child labour are deprived from education.

Like wise, physical and social abuse especially girls is also one of the hurdles faced by

on one hand,
Child labour. → Children (boys)
working in different work shops
or industries experience physical
torture and abuse, while on
the other hand, girls working
as maid faces hindrances
and are victims of sexual
abuse.

In the same way, class
gap and income disparities
is also experienced by child
labour. Children working in
different sectors remain deprived
and there exist a class
difference between the owner
and the labour. Due to this
class gap and economic disparities,
rich remains rich and poor
remains poorer. All of the
living tasks is done by labour
but the fruits are checked
by the owner. No matter,

how much work labour perform / do, he'll remain deprive and will be paid fixed wages.

Furthermore, health issues and wellbeing is also one of the hurdles faced by child labour. Children at young age are not well exposed to different hazardous chemicals.

They experience different health issues such as mental, physical or Psychological. Children working in industries, mines confront different harmful chemicals that lead them towards different incurable diseases.

In addition, there is rise in human trafficking due to child labour, because children can easily be exported from one place to another and has

good demand in international market because they are great asset in coming years for mafias. These children between the age of 10 to 14 are youngsters in coming age which can be put well in use for different works.

Similarly, low income families are more vulnerable towards child labour. low-income families or having no source of income faces more difficulties in their life. According to UN, 9% of all children in lower-middle-income families and 7% of all children in upper-middle-income countries, are in child labour.

As far as the recommended solutions for criminal neglect of child labour are concerned,

They can be many. Firstly, role of law and relevant authorities.

Government and as well as concerned departments should come forward and take bold steps to address the issue. According to article 11 of the 1973

Constitution of Pakistan, paid labour performed by children under the age of 14 is categorised as child labour.

Government should introduce new policies either to stop child labour completely or to introduce new program in a way that within two years, the owner (ustad) should teach all the skills to his labour aged above 15, so that he can further carry on the same task and can get the opportunity to stand on his own feet. In this way, not only

The ratio of child labour can be minimized but also class race and economic disparities

Secondly, society and culture should perform their due role in order to stop child labour. Different platforms should be raised to give awareness regarding child labour. Scholars should also perform their due role because in Islamic society the voice of a scholar can bring positive results.

Thirdly, social protection safety nets can also bring a positive change. Government should introduce new economic schemes and programs jointly with private sectors such as benazir support programme. In this

way it would be easy for low income families to fulfil their basic needs during catastrophe as experienced in 2019 and 2020 followed by COVID-19 and heavy floods.

Finally, Civil Society and NGO's should perform their due to curb the menace of child labour. By working together and imposing pragmatic scheme all these evils can be minimized.

In a nut shell, child labour is a serious problem that needs serious consideration. All the stakeholders should come forward and address the issue in the ^{best} possible way for long term results.

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جو غیرت ہیں کہ دنیا کی ساری جگہوں پر۔

(Allama Iqbal in "Bang-e-Dra"
(The call of the Marching Bell)
^{verse}
~~verse~~ of his poem "Shama Aur
Shayar" (The candle and the Poet))

It can be translated as
"Whatever the eye is seeing
cannot be described by the
lips. I'm felt in amazement as
to what the world will become!"
And, no doubt, Child labour
has indeed influenced the
world we are living in.

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