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LEARNING FROM THE PAST PAVES THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE

OUTLINE

1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement: The man always steps in the future by experiencing trials and errors. These learning experiences of the past pave the way for better endeavors and progress in the life. Every entity whether at global level or individual level alter their behaviours based on the past exposures and attain a better position in future.

2. Insight: of past experiences leads to better future.

3. Learning from the past for better future at Global level.

a. Horrendous events of World War I and II paved path for peace during Cold War.

b. Failure of Authoritarian regimes in Eastern Europe paved path for democracy.

c. World learned from American nuclear vengeance on Japan and resisted any full-fledged nuclear war in future.

d. Failure of communism gave a great lesson from the past for the world.

4. How State learns from the past and paves the way for future, pertaining to Pakistan.

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a. Aftermath of Afghan war left Pakistan to opt neutral foreign policy in international conflicts.

b. In 2006, political parties of Pakistan learned from weak democratic principles of country and signed Charter of Democracy.

c. Famous ruling in Asma Tillari Case to uphold human rights and thus learning from past human right violations.

5. How man can hold better future by learning from the past.

a. Never repeating the same past bad experiences.

b. Once backstabbed by any friend pave path for future relations.

c. Past failures gives determination to succeed at any cost.

d. Possible outcomes could be known before hand and thus help in carving out solutions easily.

e. Famous examples demonstrating that learning from the past pave the way for future.

a. Withdrawal of Quaid-e-Azam from Muslim-Hindu brotherhood ideology after knowing real intentions of Hindu leaders.

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b. Woodrow Wilson paved path for world institutions for peace, learning for past world wars.

b. Past failures of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), India finally became the first country to land on south pole region.

c. Learning from past failures of SpaceX missions, Elon Musk became most successful businessman in today's world.

7 Conclusion:



The famous modern lockstitch sewing machine was invented by Elias Howe. He failed several times before coming up with the correct assembling of the machine. He got stuck while placing the eye of needle. After the zenith, he finally understood from his past failures. His original idea was to follow the model of ordinary needle, and have the eye at the heel. It never occurred to him that it should be placed near the point. But after learning from past, he marked an important incident in the invention of the sewing machine. This illustrates that the mankind analyze his past actions and try to explore possible future outcomes based on his past failures. This rationality opens door for various endeavors in the future. This does not only employ at individual level, but collective entities at global and state level also learn from past and pave the way for future. The man always steps in future by experiencing trials and errors. These learning experiences of the past open way for success and progress in future life.

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Learning from past implies better understanding, analyzing of past situations based on rationality. Weighing a past experience on cost benefit parameters give an insight to every nuance and pave way for future expeditions. According to the theory of Historical materialism, historical processes reveal underlying principles or forces shaping societies.

By learning from the past, individuals and societies can make informed decisions to influence and shape their future. Thus, determination of past experiences in every dimension gives footprints for future adventures.

The world follows the same trajectory. After horrendous events of world war I and II, it paved path for peace during cold war. The conflict between USA and Russia became a major key player in international politics after world war-II. The deadly results of world war-II prevented both countries to come in direct conflict at several events. The Cuban missile crisis is among the major

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event in cold war, when both countries were at a verge of nuclear war. But both rivals learned from the past and paved for ease of relations in future, avoiding any further skirmish.

Moreover, failure of Authoritarian regimes in Eastern Europe also paved path for democracy.

The rise of nationalism in Germany, Italy and Russia lead to totalitarian regimes. These regimes violated basic human rights, freedom of expression.

The authoritative leadership of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Joseph Stalin gave appalling aftershocks to the masses. Learning from these

dreadful leadership, the world opt for democratic principles and freedom of expression, leading to better future.

In addition to this, the nuclear vengeance of America on Japan shocked the world at its core. The world learned from this historical event and thus avoided any nuclear war till now despite of many conventional war.

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Korean war, Vietnam war, Afghan war, Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel-Palestine issue are among many conflicts, where the world prevented for escalation of war into nuclear catastrophe. Therefore, the world learned from the nuclear atrocities in 1945 and paved path for nuclear deterrence.

The conflicts among the countries were not restricted to territory, but the past conflicts also illustrate ideological rivalries. The cold war between capitalism and communism in 1950s paved path for a capitalist economy in the world. The failed economic institution in Russia, China led to huge famine, deprivation and hunger. This led to loss of faith in communism at global level. Thus, after success of capitalist ideology, many states altered their economic institutions in accordance to capitalism and learned from their previous actions.

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to take steps according to historical events. Pakistan indulged in Afghan war and inflicted severe destruction at social, economic and political fronts. After huge losses in Afghan war, Pakistan opt for neutral foreign policy in major international conflicts.

The neutral stance of the country in Russia-Ukraine war, historical conflict of Saudi-Iran also illustrates that the country learned from past and paved the way for future. Hence, state projects its future policy based on past events and experiences.

Similarly, regular interventions in democratic institution of Pakistan led to sign charter of democracy in 2006. Various political parties thwarted their conflicts and upheld true democratic principles. After elections of 2007, the democratic norms without any direct intervention were enforced in the country. The country also faced dreadful crisis after charter of Democracy, where the country was at the verge of democratic collapse. But, past horrendous events were

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enough for the country to not let go of democracy. Abandonment of true representation of people in the past created an environment for Pakistan to track their future on democratic principles.

Democracy not only strengthens the state politically, but also flourish human rights. The dissolution of democratic laws in the country and violation of fundamental human rights in the past pushes the country to sustain freedom of expression. The famous ruling in Asma Jilani case against government of Punjab to uphold constitutional rights to and freedom of expression to every individual illustrates the dire need of learning from the past. Violation of basic human rights, integrity and morale pulled the country out of disaster in the future and thus paved path for freedom.

All these past experiences at global and state level denotes human instinct to learn from historical

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events and world for better future. The first and foremost step, which demonstrates that man has learned from the past is never repeating the same bad actions. Experiencing bad results refrain the man to indulge in same loop. One tries to try new expeditions in future and learn other objectives of that experience.

According to theory of utilitarianism, man always opt for things which give him pleasure and happiness. Based on this, man always avoid suffering inflicting upon him based on past experiences. Therefore, one can learn from past and pave the way for future through avoiding same bad actions.

Moreover, any bad experience in individual's relations also prove path for his future actions. Once backstabbed by any close friend or relative, always leave a space for change in future's discourse of behaviour. When man opens his heart out in front of anyone, and then learns that that very close one tries to malign his image to others, he

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learn from this experience and change his behavioural pattern towards that person. According to symbolic interactionism, humans interact and communicate with each other through symbols and every symbol in this world illustrates meaning. Thus, any past ^{bad} experience symbolizes harm and suffering, to which every man avoid getting it. Infatuation with close one wear off, once man learn from bad experiences of the past.

These past experiences not only mold out actions but also emotions. Past failures give determination to succeed in future at any cost. The failure observed by person open ways to new endeavours, leading to his success. The urge to feel the happiness and optimism after overcoming any hardship is the ultimate emotion which everyone tries to seek. Many historical successful individuals like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Susan B. Anthony shows that their past experiences gave true meaning to their lives. Thus, learning from past also drives emotional trajectory in future.

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In addition to this, past experiences also helps in carrying out solutions in future. Knowing possible outcomes before hand can lead to different solutions. When a person fails in new experiences, he succeeds in knowing the path to avoid. This allows man to opt for better way to solve his problems and avoid following the same footprints. Mikhail Gorbachev was a Russian leader who opened the policies of "Glasnost" and "Perestroika" after knowing the dreadful consequences of communism in Russia. Hence, past events pushes the man to learn new solutions to very old problems and give ease to others.

The ideology of learning from the past and paving the way for future can be demonstrated in the lives of many world leaders. After knowing the real intentions of Hindu leaders against Muslim state, he withdrew from Muslim-Hindu brotherhood and struggled for separate Muslim state against all odds. Quaid-e-Azam left All India Muslim League in 1920 after differences with party's leadership.

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over its objectives and direction. He learned from past behaviours of Hindu deception against muslims and thus joined muslims league in future. This step later add in historical events for the successful establishment of Pakistan.

In addition to this, woodrow wilson also paved path for world institutions. Learning from past world wars, he suggested to opt peace and security at International arena. After treaty of Versailles, woodrow wilson founded league of Nations in 1920, which was a great initiative for world peace and security. The formation of United Nations is also among its progeny, which still persist till date. Thus, he was the first man to establish international organization for peace after learning from horrors of world wars.

This proverb not only relates to famous leaders, but also famous organizations. India space research organization strives to land

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on moon for many years. Chandrayaan moon mission failed various times just few minutes before landing. But Chandrayaan-3 ~~was~~ finally succeeded in its moon mission, making India first country to land on south pole region. This future expeditions of ISRO learning from the past perfectly demonstrates this phrase.

Similarly, Elon Musk founded his own space organization named SpaceX, which failed miserably during its initial stages. But after several attempts and alterations in its satellites, space ships, it finally reached at stage to be pioneer of first reusable rockets. This innovation represents a significant step in making Elon Musk one of successful businessmen of all times. After which he also took charge of twitter (X), Tesla and Neuralink. Hence, Elon Musk was the one who learned from his past attempts and predicted his future discourse through ~~his~~ learning experience.

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In a nutshell, every man strives in their life, in which he either succeed or fail in that journey. But the real motive relies in past experiences, learning from historical events marks new beginnings. The future relies in the hand of past. Isolation from past can never let the person know about his wrong doings. In order to success and open doors for better future, one should always check and learn from past experiences. This will not only smoothen his present life but also give a broad scope and approach to his future aims.