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Hajira Sarfraz DAY: Tuesday

Title: Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime

## Outline

### (1) Introduction

Thesis statement: The sustenance of human life depends upon the continuous availability of money to fulfill the essential needs.

~~Giving~~ a financial aid to someone will benefit one for a short period of time, while imparting an earning skill will stabilize one economically for a long lifetime.

### (2) Empowering Individuals with Skillsets Stabilize them Economically

(a) Investment without skills cannot yield any profit

(b) Skillful person can earn livelihood even without any capital

(c) Teaching the child "How to earn" in childhood along with giving pocket-money.

- (d) Family should allow the individuals to acquire the skills of their interest
- (e) Empowering female with earning skills to make them financially independent
- (f) Helping the physically disable person to earn through suitable earning skills
- (g) Giving loans to poor relatives not enough to stabilize them.

(3) Profession and Society should ~~Promote~~ the culture of Skills Acquisition

- (a) Fostering new skills acquisition in professional landscape
- (b) Promoting partnerships based on investment of capital and skills
- (c) Reducing the culture of begging in the society
- (d) Removing the stigma attached to some fields of earning in the society

(4) Broader Factors playing Role in Imparting the Skills Required for Stable Economy

- (a) Lack of skills in graduated students

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results in unemployment

- (b) Education sector should impart soft and hard skills required for professional life
- (c) Teaching earning skills along with religious education in Madrasah system
- (d) Arranging vocational training programs for uneducated and unskilled labour
- (e) Government should create sources of income instead of cash transfer programs
- (f) Boosting economy via international expertise and technical assistance instead of international financial aid

(5) Conclusion

## The Essay

The sustenance of human life depends upon the continuous availability of money to fulfill the essential needs. Giving a financial aid to someone will benefit one for a short period of time, while

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imparting an earning skill will stabilize one economically for a lifetime. Once a beggar came to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and asked for financial help. He (PBUH) gave him an axe and ordered him to go to the forest and cut the trees to prepare the wooden sticks. He did the same and brought the wooden sticks to Holy Prophet (PBUH). Upon this He (PBUH) said him to sell that wooden sticks into the market and advised him to adopt this profession to earn money. This is how, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) taught him a lifetime earning skill. This event gives us a lesson of learning and teaching the earning skills to make an honourable livelihood. Acquiring earning skills is more important than capital now, so family should teach the earning skills to children and allow them to learn the skills they are interested in. It is also family's responsibility to empower the female and physically disabled person by teaching

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them skills suitable for them. Rich relatives should engage the poor relatives in economic activities instead of simply giving loans. Promoting new skills acquisition and partnerships is also necessary in professional landscape. Society as a whole can play its role by removing the deep-rooted beggary and stigma attached to some professions. Education sector & Madrasahs should impart skills to earn in students. The skills can be taught to uneducated and unskilled labour through vocational training programs. Governments can boost national economy by creating sources of income and attaining international expertise & technical assistance.

In this technically advanced era, investment yields nothing without proper skills required. Investing on the right time, right place, and right domain is a skill which makes the investment successful. There are four factors of production including

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land, labour, capital and entrepreneurship, and this is the entrepreneurship which brings innovation and success. It is also the only production factor which is based on skill. A saying of an American investor John B. Neff shows the importance of skills in investment. He says, "I don't want a lot of good investments; I want a few outstanding ones." Hence, skills of earning play a great role in getting profit.

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A skillful person do not even need the capital to earn money. He can utilize ~~it~~ his skills in a proper way to ~~make his livelihood~~. With ~~the technological~~ advancements, there are many professional fields available for earning through proper skillset such as freelancing, programming, home servicing, writing, and graphic designing etc. Moreover, providing services in hospitals, schools, and states institutions can earn an honourable

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livelihood. The largest businesses are service-based companies nowadays, such as IBM. Moreover, the superpower of USA is a service based economy. Its service sector contributes 77.6% in its GDP (statista, Service sector of U.S, 2024)

It shows that if one <sup>some</sup> has <sup>have</sup> a proper skillset fulfilling the modern day's requirement, one can earn money to sustain one's life.