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Higher Education versus
Skill Acquisition

The topic is not about positive and negative effects of Higher education and skill development. It is about comparing the two. Your main headings should reflect that.

Outline

Introduction?
Crunch Paragraph?ir

~~Higher Education~~
● Positive Impacts of Higher Education

That's purpose not impact

- Main purpose is to create an educated society
- Higher education develops discipline
- Develops positive competition
- Prepares youth for the practical world
- Creates network & Builds Emotional quotient/Intelligence

Should be 2 separate arguments?

① Negative Impacts of Higher Education

Market trend reveals that hirers prefer graduates

- Provides unskilled workforce in the market
- Outdated syllabus & techniques are taught
- Faculty training is not upto the mark
- Lack of Technology Adoption
- Nepotism in hiring faculty
- Favouritism in grading
- Burdensome on poor parents/students
- Overexpectations developed by youth for future

Most universities syllabus is updated every year

Every reputable university has Teacher review and training

Most of the tech is developed as a result of post graduate research?

This can be true for skill acquisition as well

Most of these points are factually incorrect.

~~Skill Acquisition~~

Positive Impacts by Skill Acquisition

- Youth gets relevant & required education
- Workforce becomes market ready for job.
- Saves time by getting out of the rat race
- Start earning at an early stage

Negative Impacts of Skill Acquisition

- Focus on skills leads to bad grades
- Student engagement in University is reduced.
- Students become more materialistic at an early stage
- Impacts pursuing further education in Pakistan & Abroad

Conclusion

No logic as to why skill acquisition only has 8 points while higher education has 13. And why is the number of positive and negative points different for higher education and equal for skill acquisition? Topic distribution should either be equal or done according to argumentative essay. This does not fall in either.

ESSAY:

No headings in the essay.

~~Introduction~~

Higher education is the backbone of any country. The more youth is educated in a country, the more prosperity and future benefits it can reap. In today's modern world, there are two types of education. First is higher education pursued in Universities, through traditional route of getting a degree. Second is through acquiring relevant skills.

Intro is one continuous paragraph

Start the intro with an attention grabber

Incomplete and unstructured introduction
No attention grabber, no gist of outline and no thesis statement.

In today's world if one needs to succeed by leaps and bounds then he must achieve both i.e. higher education and skill acquisition.

~~Positive Impacts of Higher Education~~

No headings in an essay. If it has headings it is not an essay

~~Main Purpose is to create an educated Society~~

Education is given to youth especially higher education to expand their horizons. In order to inculcate a research based approach in them. They have a rational approach. So they don't fall prey to any false propaganda.

Unstructured and incoherent
Too many points in a single paragraph

Also does not relate to the topic nor with the heading

They have the ability to fact check the facts being narrated. This creates a strong and aware society. Higher education develops such an ability in them to do self-paced learning.

Which leads them to learn and gain knowledge.

They can do this by just sitting on their internet connected device and then they are connected to a global village.

In today's modern world, world's knowledge has summed up and accessible at our palms. When such capabilities are developed in the youth they resultantly create an educated society being its primary contributor.

This is not an intro. It has no structure. No attention grabber, no gist of outline and no thesis statement

~~Higher education develops discipline~~

Higher education is the stepping stone in creating discipline in ~~today's~~ youth. As ~~today's~~ youth has abt of distractions. Higher education plays its role by developing discipline in students. Do not discuss youth's issues, discuss benefits of Higher education

One heading = one paragraph. Continue from here

As students come to Universities on time, take classes on time, cannot take unnecessary leaves. They have to maintain their attendance percentage throughout the session. Their attendance can impact their grades which creates a positive pressure on them to be disciplined. Sentence structure is informal
Students engage in extracurricular activities along with curricular activities like sports, debates and clubs which also increases the level of discipline in students. No example
Separate issue

~~Develops positive Competition~~

Higher education develops positive competition among students. Students engage in assignments, quizzes, tests, mid-term examinations, final examination. This kind of grading system develops a positive competition among students to outpar their fellows despite being friends they compete against each other for the good. They also need to be consistent throughout. Just say student compete for both grades and ranks in both curricular and extracurricular domain

Separate issue

the session so that they can perform better among their classmates in different grading assignments and exams. This also develops a consistent working approach and character among them. This helps to shape their character for the long run.

No analysis and argumentation
No validation
Unstructured and incoherent

~~Higher education prepares for the practical world~~

Directly address the argument in the topic sentence

During the tenure of their higher education students tend to explore their innself. They explore their talents and capabilities through different number of clubs and societies in universities and get to know what they are good at. There are different people in history who are practical example of it. Atif Aslam one of the top singer of Pakistan explored his talent in his university time and became one of the legendary singer in today's time. The writer of one of famous television show

This has no relation with what you have discussed previously

This is not getting ready for practice life. What was the role of Higher education here.

Hum sab uneed sy hain was a King Edward medical University enrolled MBBS student who discovered his passion for writing.

One heading = one paragraph. Continue from here

There are scores of other examples, which created legends in their fields but their budding spot was - their University.

Even Universities attract such talented students by offering them admission on the basis of their talents and due to societies and clubs in universities it becomes their nursery where they meet seniors with same talents who guide them. Many great sportsmen, artists, singers, debaters, actors are also produced by universities despite their main role in imparting higher education.

Students learn to collaborate in them.

Creates Network

As every human being has a right of association so in higher educational institutions, students associate themselves with each other becoming friends and resulting in life long friendships and due to this their network is created. They collaborate to organize university events which creates their network. Trips and tours are organized by

This is not the point in the heading
Unstructured and incoherent and irrelevant.

That's Not Working

universities which leads them to knowing each other in a better way.

As quoted,

Irrelevant quote

~~If you want to know someone deeply travel with them~~

Quotes should be part of paragraph

So universities are one of the best places to create networks which last lifelong and are deep rooted.

You did not discuss the benefits of higher education, you discussed how students spend their free time in universities.

~~Negative Impacts of Higher Education~~

~~Unskilled workforce in Market~~

Universities are not preparing students with the skills needed to get the jobs in the market. Skills that are required are learned by students after graduating when they hit the job market and become aware of the market trends. Resultantly jobs even if available in the market cannot be filled by the candidates as they are not taught what market demands.

Academia and industry linkage is lacking resulting in unskilled workforce in society/ job market.

Factually incorrect. University industry gap is only issue of some sub standard South Asian universities. It is not a norm

~~Outdated syllabus & Techniques~~

~~Students are being taught decades old syllabus which has no practical use in today's ever evolving modern world. This keeps the students at a disadvantage to get a respectable job and start earning and supporting their families.~~

Factually incorrect

~~More teaching techniques used by teachers are also not upto the mark as they are not using any of the modern techniques being applied in the modern world.~~

No structure to paragraph

No research

~~Faculty training is not upto mark~~

~~Faculty trainings and workshops and refresher courses to update and upgrade teachers with the modern day teaching techniques and methodology are not performed due to lack of budget and teachers inability to adapt to modern techniques by those who are aged.~~

Factually incorrect

No structure to paragraph

No research

~~Lack of Technology adoption~~

~~Technology adoption and use of modern equipment for higher education is lacking which creates a bridge~~

No structure to paragraph

No research

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lacking any trust between faculty and students to adopt modern ~~technology~~ ^{Factually incorrect}.
Moreover higher education institutes are facing shortage of funds due to which they cannot procure modern equipments.

~~Nepotism in hiring faculty~~

Faculty in universities is not hired on merit. They are hired on nepotism and ^{That could also happen in vocational schools} on references and personal liking and disliking. This creates such a situation where hired faculty is not competitive and the ones coming on merit are not accomodated due to this nepotism culture, creating a negative impact on higher education.

~~Favouritism in Grading~~

As discussed earlier, as the faculty is being hired on nepotism, so the effect will pass on to the students. Where some blueeyed students of the ^{Again not exclusive to higher education. Also happens in vocational schools} teachers get more grades despite average or poor performance as compared to the talented ones who

are not teachers blue-eyed. This also impacts the level of higher education and creates doubts in talented students' minds whether they will be able to excel despite working hard.

~~Burden on poor people~~

As education is the fundamental right of every human being. But unfortunately due to exorbitant fees of universities some poor students are unable to continue their studies and some have to take huge loans which might take years to return after graduating if they got a suitable and respectable job.

No structure to paragraph
No analysis
No research

~~Overexpectations developed by youth for future.~~

Students are working hard in universities so that when they graduate they get a highly respectable job. But the reality is not as such. There is nepotism and favouritism everywhere. Students cannot land a good job without a good reference in their families.

Due to which they either get hired at lower than their qualification jobs or remain unemployed. Moreover they also have some avenues where allocation and selection is done purely on merit but due to higher number of students applying and fewer vacancies not everyone gets the job.

That is not fault of higher education. If you cannot manage realistic expectations that's a you problem.

Skill Acquisition

Skill acquisition is the modern form of education where ~~someone~~ does not require any background qualification to acquire these skills most of ~~them require~~ basic understanding of ~~English~~ and able to understand things at basic level, which leads them to start

Why do you need basic understanding of English for hair styling, playing piano, pottery. All of these are skills.

learning any skill without a barrier. This is the reason despite having large number of higher education institutes students are either shifting themselves completely to skill learning or they are complementing their higher education with skill acquisition along the way.

No argument in the paragraph

~~Youth gets relevant and required education~~

Due to inclination of youth towards skill based education they are getting modern and ~~required education of their field.~~

For example ~~IT graduates~~ have access to latest tech courses available on different

platforms which are either free or

According to your logic a graduate from IT university can join a course to study what was taught to him for 4 years. And that's better than what he did before.

~~to universities where outdated amount of knowledge is being taught with exorbitant fee structure.~~

One heading = one paragraph

There are **MOOCs** (massive open online courses) platforms that have most modern and most updated industrial and market demand created and available to public around the world. They include **Edx, Coursera etc.**

They have free courses for ~~auditive learning~~ but for certification they charge a nominal fee. They also have financial programs which are for those who even cannot afford to pay for the certification.

IT graduate mean they have had higher education

Your logic is flawed

Skill acquisition does not mean learning through Internet. It means getting training either through apprenticeship programmes or via vocational schools.

Why? Why can't the apprenticeship or skill education be in non-traditional skills?

You can get a job for auditing without certification.

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~~Workforce becomes Market ready for Job~~

As modern skills available on reputed platforms and ~~institutions are prepared~~ by world's top class faculty and ~~by people who are working in that industry and have a good number of years experience.~~ They are market gurus in their fields, which eliminates the lack of industry academia linkage. Most modern and sophisticated skills can be learned by anyone in this modern age.

Reference?

Unstructured and incoherent

~~Saves time by getting out of the rat race~~

The precious time of ~~students is saved~~ which they ~~might need to invest after~~ graduating in order to acquire the relevant skills is saved. They can now work on modern techniques by just getting hands on the courses and projects in a speciality within few months and can get themselves out of the rat race as they are job ready and can start earning instead

That means they might also not need time
So your argument fails here

of getting indulged in the rat race of getting grades.

~~Start earning at an early stage~~

They have an advantage over their fellows, being job ready they can start earning even in early years of the bachelors degree. They can start from an internship leading to job and getting hands on experience during their studies even some students leave

Why are they doing bachelors with skill acquisition.

Unstructured and incoherent

Flawed logic

their studies and start focusing on climbing up the corporate ladder.

In comparison to their fellows, they get respect by being on their feet and earning a handsome salary.

~~Negative Impacts~~

~~Students focus on skills leading to bad grades~~

Students become so indulge in their skills acquisition that they fail in the universities leading to poor grades and sometimes off-repeated failures. This can impact them in the longrun.

~~Students engagement in University is reduced~~

As students are more focused on skills therefore it impacts their engagement in University. This leads to their personality and character not fully developed. Their communication skills are also affected due to this.

They have an incomplete personality due to low engagement with fellows and in extracurricular activities.

~~Students becomes more materialistic at an early stage~~

At such an age where relations, friendships, association and creating network is more important, they start thinking everything materialistically that if they don't spend time with friends they can utilize it by earning.

~~Impacts pursuing further education in Pakistan & Abroad~~

As they are more focused on skills and earning, they either end up having bad grades in their academics or

fail in their academics or end up leaving studies in the middle. Which in future can impact their chances for studying further and pursuing higher qualifications not only in Pakistan but in Abroad as well resulting in a loss of a great opportunity to go abroad for studies and learn physically from one of the best institutes worldwide.

Conclusion

Keeping in view the positive and negative impacts of higher education and skill acquisition. I have come to the conclusion that one must complete his higher education and should not indulge so much in skill acquisition that impacts their grades and long-term future. I am also not negating the positive impacts skill acquisition has on one's career but they should be balanced in such a way that your higher education and degree doesn't get effected as at times it would be required to get you to the interview.

Write only in 3rd person

No new information in conclusion

	Category	Total marks	Obtained marks
Content	Qualitative analysis	10	0
	Quantitative analysis	10	0
	Validity & Reliability	10	0
	Relevance	10	0
Language	Sentence structure	5	0
	Vocabulary	5	1
	Clarity	5	0
	Command of language	5	1
	Expression	5	0
Structure	Outline	5	0
	Introduction	5	0
	Body paragraphs	5	0
	Conclusion	5	0
Coherence	Cohesion	5	0
	Coherence	10	0
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