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What is Right is not
Always Popular. What
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OUTLINE

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Attention grabber
- b) General Statements
- c) Thesis statement:

In a globalised community, some trends come to surface, and people follow them to fit in. But, it is not necessary that what is popular is always right as they ^{often} cause more harm than benefit. One must always do what's right because it will bring personal satisfaction, promotes equality in the society and quality will be rampant over quantity, which

leads to healthy and sustainable growth.

2) Crunch Paragraph

a) Decoding the statement

3) Popular is not always right

a) Islamophobia in the modern world

b) Favouring countries who follow the policy of world powers

(Israel favoured by U.S. in the Gaza conflict)

c) Giving decisions in the favour of friends when they are wrong

d) Depriving women of inheritance share in the subcontinent

e) Dowry has burdened the girl's family but still prevalent

f) Rote learning is preferred in educational institutions

g) Use of A.T to do homework

4) Right is not always popular.

a) Choosing simplistic life over consumerism

b) Treating daughters equal to sons

c) Among friends, solve matters through reasoning rather than muscle power

d) Following religion in a modern family (Story of Maulana Tariq Jamil)

e) Not blaming the victim in rape cases (Case no. 9 drama)

f) Giving women equal representation to men in politics

g) Deeper understanding of knowledge rather than running after grades

5) Benefits of following the right path instead of popular trends

a) Personal satisfaction (momality ~~over~~ pretends prevents injustice)

b) Rights of the oppressed are protected (Case no. 9 by Saba Qamar)

c) Quality is promoted over quantity (Elon Musk's Tesla)

6) Conclusion

The Essay

Adam and Eve were roaming peacefully in the garden thinking why God forbade them from eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. Then the Satan came and provoked Adam that it is alright to eat the forbidden fruit. Adam knew that it is not right to eat for disobey the Almighty yet, he gave into his curiosity. God condemned Adam from heaven which he regretted for the rest of his life. This shows that what is right is not always popular and harms the individual and the society. Sometimes a person has to take decisions and he contemplates whether he should follow the trend or not. The right choice is to treat daughters equal to sons in a patriarchal society.

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In terms of a conflicts choosing rationality over muscle power is right. Further, following religion in the modern world, giving equal representation in politics, not blaming the victims in rape cases and promoting deep understanding of concepts rather than rote learning are all the right decisions but they are not prevalent so the society is hesitant to follow them. This is why in the global community Islamophobia is prevalent. In the global power dynamics, the countries that comply to the world powers are given special treatment. In Pakistan, dynastic politics is preferred instead of promoting meritocracy. And if we look through a social lens at a smaller level, friends always give decisions in the favour of their companions. In Islamic countries non-Muslims

are forced to comply with the discipline of fasting in public during Ramadan. In the subcontinent women are deprived of their share in inheritance and their parents are compelled to give millions in dowry. And when it comes to the education sector children use A.I. to do their homework instead of putting in genuine effort as grades are superior to all things even extracurricular activities. All of these are popular decisions but it does not make them right. One must always tread on the right path as it brings contentment, protects the rights of the oppressed and promote quality over quantity which leads to a sustainable growth. Hence, In a globalised community, some trends come to surface and people follow them to fit in. But it is not necessary that

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what is popular is always right as they often cause more harm than benefit. Choosing the right path brings personal satisfaction, promotes equality in the society and equality will be rampant over quantity, which leads to a healthy and sustainable growth.

Due to the concept of globalisation, the line between the popular and ^{the} right has become very thin. People want to stay relevant and submerged in the sea of the community to survive. In the quest of fitting in they have forgotten that they are not doing the right thing. Temporarily, they have gained the benefit but in the long term it is causing harm to them and the society. A seed of morality is sown in the humans and it flourishes depending on how much nutrition it

receives through making the right decisions. The more deep it burries its roots, the more a person feels uncomfortable while treading on the path of popular trends that are not right. Hence, to do good in the society ^{for} and achievement of contentment one must keep on walking on the unpopular trends and overlook the popular narratives.

First of all, this ~~par~~ essay will discuss the popular trends that are prevalent but they are not the right decisions to make.

For starters, there is a bias against Islam in the global community as it is popular. This image of the religion is rampant because people have seen the other humans and have not read

the Islamic Scriptures. The world has seen terrorists like Osama bin Laden, ^{wearing} ~~at~~ the drape of Islam.

After 9/11, Islamophobia was rampant in the Western community as a Muslim was responsible for the ~~the~~ attack on the twin towers and the loss of innocent lives.

If they read the true message of Islam, they will come to know that Islam is very peaceful in its true spirit. Hence, Islamophobia is rampant in the global community but the reason behind the trend is not true.

Additionally, when the global political dynamics is put into view, it is observed that the world powers favour the countries that abide by the policy books of the hegemon even when they are wrong.

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are very famous and popular concepts but they are not morally correct. For instance, in the Israel-Gaza conflict, U.S. was constantly vetoing in the U.N.S.C's meetings because Tel Aviv is the apple of Washington's eyes. Even U.S. knows that Israel is violating the international law and is conducting war against humanity. Yet, Biden kept on showing relentless support to Netanyahu. Hence, the world powers always favour the countries that abide by their interests, even if the latter is wrong.

When we look ~~the at~~ the topic of favouritism is looked from a social lens at a microscopic level, ~~we~~ it is evident that when a person has to give a decision between a

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friend and the other party, he will always prefer to give his friend a favour even if he wronged the other party. For example, if a person is selected to mediate a matter in a jirga, he will forgive the murderer just because the offender is his friend. Hence, microscopically people will always favour their friends in a position of decision making.

Moving on to the subcontinent, women are deprived of their share in inheritance, even when it is their legal rights. The subcontinent has a patriarchal culture. The men of the families easily subjugate women. They either use violence or excuses to justify their acts. When a woman is wedded the brothers tell her the sister that her dowry was paid

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through her inheritance's share,
so she will not get anything
after the death of her father.

This act is not true as dowry
is separate from inheritance
legally and religiously as well, yet
the concept is popular and is
practised in most areas of the
former subcontinent. Hence, the
denial of inheritance of women is
not right but people follow it
because of its popularity.

Additionally, the concept of
dowry is not fair when a person
looks through any lens but it is
still a popular social norm. It
heavily burdens the parents of
the girls and therefore when
girls are born, the parents start
worrying for their marriage.

This is why girls are considered
as a burden in the society. In
the drama Juma Taluseem, the

eldest daughter in law is treated better than the middle one because she brings more dowry from ~~the~~ her house. Hence, the concept of dowry is unfair and unjust for the family of the girl, yet the concept ~~is~~ still practised in the former subcontinent.

When the institution of education is discussed, it is seen that rote learning is systematically incorporated in the education system. In the quest for gaining good score, the students are forced to rote learn the data from the textbooks even if ~~they~~ it is wrong. When MDCAAT is conducted in Punjab, children from Federal Board are forced to re-learn facts from Punjab textbooks because the values in the ~~courses~~ are different. The only accepted numbers are from

Punjab text books for a better merit. This is unfair and wrong but it is popularly practised.

Conclusively, the children are focused on rote learning as it is the popular way to reach at the top of the ladder.

Moreover, students utilise A.I for their assignments in university. It requires least mental effort and is an easy method to gain marks in the internal. It is a wrong approach because it requires critical thinking which is essential for their professional creativity and development. The use of A.I. to make copy paste is the reason why the innovations are rarely seen in the South Asian countries. Their skills are compromised and so is their ability to gain good jobs. Hence, the use of

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A.I. to copy paste assignments is a popular way to, easy but temporary, success but it cannot bring long term sustainability as it is not right.

All of the above are the popular trends in this world but they are not the right methods. Only a person who has a proper moralistic construct has the guts to walk on right paths that are not popular.

First of all in the personal sphere, he will choose to live with a simplistic approach in the world of rampant consumerism. He will observe that people are buying more and more products with a shorter life span just because they will be looked down upon if they don't own a particular product. But a wise person

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knows that preferring an item of long durability is better than a brand tag to be accepted in the society. Hence, the right thing to do in the world of consumerism is to buy sustainable goods according to one's need.

Further, in a patriarchal society daughters treating daughters equal to sons is the right thing to do but is not popular. In a male dominated society daughters are taught to be docile and not-allowed to go out. For sons it is common to be aggressive even if they use abusive language as mentioned in the Difference.

Theory by Deborah Tannen. Daughters must be made brave and strong like the sons of the family. Both of them should be restricted from bad behaviour and the language of both genders should be

consisting of a commanding tone. This is not very popular in the society but is the right thing to do. Hence, both the daughters and sons should be treated equally as it is unpopular but correct.

Furthermore, people should choose the pathway taught by religion even if they are born in a modern family. All religions give the instructions for humanity and modesty which is the right path in the corrupt standards of the modern society. For example, ~~Moulana~~ Tanq Jami was born in a modern business oriented family. He chose the path of Islam because he understood that it is the right thing to do even if the concept is not prevalent in the family. He was kicked out of his house, yet he continued to tread on the enlightened path of his religion. Hence, following the guidelines of religion in an ~~immodest~~ immodest modern society

is the right thing to do even if it's not popular.

Additionally, blaming women in rape cases is a very popular practise especially in Pakistani and Indian culture but it is not a right practise. The victim is already suffering tremendously due to the tragedy. And keeping in view the precedence it is visible that it is not a woman's clothing or the absence of a male companion that causes the rape. The malintention is always present in the mind of the offender. In the drama ~~Case no. 9~~, the victim had the support of the offender's friends and family because they knew that if the rape is committed it is not the girl's fault. Hence, endorsing the victim's narrative is a right thing to do, even in circumstances where victim blaming is prevalent.

Treading on the right path against the popular trends is a job of

valour as it have multiple long term and long lasting outcomes.

Firstly, it brings personal satisfaction and contentment. Treading on the right path while fighting the prevalent concepts helps a person gain a sense of relief that he/she has prevented ^{a person} ~~injustice~~ from falling prey to injustice. For example, in the drama *Yaheen ka Safar*, the lawyer fights for the right of the rape victim till he died as he believed that his morals do not allow him to sacrifice his peace by letting the offender go. Hence, following the right path, even if they are unpopular, brings peace and contentment to a person to save someone from injustice.

Furthermore, following the right path will conserve the rights of the oppressed in the society. This will help create a strong social cohesion and suppress grievances. Women are also an

oppressed community in the patriarchal system. In Case no. 9, awareness is being spread to always take sides of the oppressed rape victims as it is the protection of their right. Hence, Following the right and unpopular path will help protect the rights of the minorities in the society and promote social cohesion.

Finally, making the right decisions promote quality over quantity in the society. Passing exams or gaining deeper knowledge about concepts may require an unpopular approach but it brings out a sustainable and high quality product that gains its popularity in the society one way or another. One such example is of Elon Musk who has created the most advanced and high quality cars i.e. Tesla in the whole world just by reading multiple books to get deeper understanding of automobiles.

In the light of above, it is evident that the world follows popular ideas to stay relevant in the society such as creating bias against Muslims, favouring countries who abide by Western policies. Dynastic and patronage politics is practised instead of letting meritocracy shine. Socially people favour their friends, deprive women of their right of inheritance and obtain dowry in marriage. In education assignments are copied from AI instead of deeper research and rote learning is preferred to gain deeper better grades over deep understanding. All of these are popular practices but it doesn't make them right. Only brave people have the capacity to tread on the unpopular right path such as preferring simple living over consumerism culture, treating sons and daughters equally, following religion in an immodest culture, not blaming victims in rape cases, giving women equal representation in politics and deep knowledge over superficial knowledge for a short lived gain. All of these practices will bring contentment, preserve the rights of the oppressed and give impetus to quality over quantity.

which bring a long term success and sustainability. This is why Allah has ordered the rulers to be responsible for the welfare of the whole of the subjects under them. This is why Hazrat Umar (R.A) said that even if a dog dies in his territory then he will be answerable for it in front of Allah Almighty.

