

# ESSAY:

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## CHILD LABOUR: A NEGLECTED ISSUE

### OUTLINE:

Poor presentation.

#### 1. Introduction

Thesis statement

#### 2. Reasons responsible for child labour

3. Child labour has remained a neglected issue because of government's preference towards:

a. Economic stability

b. Political stability

c. Security reasons

Main heading should simply segment the topic.

Vague, points should be self-explanatory.

Main heading should not be conditional

4. Consequences faced in the future if child labour remains neglected issue:

a. Societal backwardness because of more uneducated people.

b. Hindered country's progress because many intelligent children would remain uneducated

c. Increased crimes.

5. Measures to be taken for addressing the issue:

a. Joint efforts by government and parents

b. Government initiatives by ensuring that each child gets education and introducing new laws regarding child labour.

# GENERAL FEEDBACK FOR ESSAYS

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## Content (40%)

Your interpretation should be in depth, comprehensive and academic.

Always address the asked part. It should be evident in your outline, which should be self-explanatory in nature. Essays/Outlines that give related information without addressing the asked part do not qualify.

The whole essay should be relevant. Even if 1-2 arguments are irrelevant the essay will not pass.

Distribution of topic should be according to the demand of the topic statement i.e. if there is one scoring point it should be given more weight, if there are 2 or more scoring points all should be given equal weight.

All claims made in the essay must be substantiated. Out of 15-17 arguments at least 9-10 should be academically backed with proper references. The rest should be backed by either case studies or generally known information.

Evidence must be authentic and come from proper and authentic academic sources.

Newspapers do not qualify as an academic source. Illustrations and vague mentions of events do not qualify as academic evidence.

Essays that are lacking in evidence do not qualify.

## LANGUAGE (25%)

Focus on enhancing your grammar as any essay with 4-5 grammatical mistakes does not pass.

Your essay must be in the tone and tense of the topic statements. Essays that fail to comply do not pass.

Your sentence structure should be simple, yet clear and diversified.

Vocabulary used should be simple, clear and concise. Expression should always be formal and academic.

You are never to write in 1st and 2nd person pronouns.

You must always use the given keywords and your topic for your thesis statements and main headings in your outline.

## STRUCTURE (20%)

Your essay must follow the selected pattern and that structure should be maintained throughout.

**INTRODUCTION:** The introduction is the longest paragraph of the essay, at least 200 words. It should start with a hook, must give the glimpse of what's to come and must have a thesis statement. Besides hook, your introduction should not have any sort of information and reference. Avoid definitions in introduction.

**BODY PARAGRAPHS:** Approximately 150 words at most and all the body paragraphs must be consistent in length. Should follow the proper structure of an academic paragraph i.e. it must have a topic sentence, supporting point, evidence and concluding sentence. The topic sentence and concluding sentence must align with each other. There should be no new information in the concluding sentence. One paragraph represents one subheading in the outline and consists of one idea.

**CONCLUSION:** Must start with the concluding phrase. There should be no new information in the conclusion. It should recap the arguments. Conclusion does not have any examples and information. If you are ending it on a hopeful note, remember that solutions and hope are not the same.

## COHERENCE (15%)

Out of context

Children are the assets of any nation. The future of any nation depends on the children. The educated and well-mannered children will result in a civilized and prosperous society or nation. On the other hand, the uneducated and illiterate children will lead towards uncivilized society which hinders the progress of a nation. If the child gets education, it will contribute towards country's progress; however, if the child remains uneducated, it hinders the country's progress. The child can remain uneducated due to several reasons, one of them being child labour. Child labour has remained a neglected issue which has to be resolved for the country's progress. It has remained a neglected issue because of several reasons; yet, the issue can be resolved by the joint efforts of the parents and the government.

Unstructured Introduction. No overview of the topic no thesis statement.

There are several reasons that are responsible for the child labour. It had been a neglected issue because of unemployment, parents preference and financial reasons. The unemployed parents want their children to earn money and

Is the discussion about cause or neglect?

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play their part in feeding the family. These parents are of the opinion that after getting education the child would still be unemployed; so, it is better to earn for the family from their childhood stage. On the other hand, there are parents who want their child to get education, but due to financial issues they are compelled towards child labour. So, economic issues are mainly responsible for child labour.

No academic analysis no evidence

Child labour has remained a neglected issue because of government's preference towards other serious issues i.e., economic issues. Besides this, political instability, security issues and less job opportunities makes child labour a neglected issue. Pakistan has faced and is facing economic instability, political instability and security concerns due to which child labour has remained a neglected issue.

Economic instability in the country has increased child labour. Due to economic crisis, the government's main focus is to stabilize economy by adopting various measures such as

The explanation is not how how child labour has remain neglected. You are discussing that economic crisis causes child labour. No evidence  
 withdrawing subsidies and increasing taxes etc. This  
 it worsens the economic situation of the  
 people resulting in withdrawing children from  
 schools. These children are then encouraged to  
 earn money, hence contributing towards increase  
 in child labour.

Political instability is another factor that  
 has rendered child labour as a neglected  
 issue. Since the inception of Pakistan, Political  
 instability had remained a never ending issue.  
 The political instability in the country resulted  
 in less foreign investment and led to  
 attraction. Thus, political instability also leads  
 towards economic instability which ultimately  
 contributes towards increased child labour.

In addition to economic and political  
 instability, security reasons are another factor  
 due to which child labour has remained a  
 neglected issue. Pakistan - having border with  
 the enemy country, India - has to spent major  
 portion of its budget on defence. Besides this,  
 she had also been facing terrorism. Due to security  
 concerns, the government focuses more on

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improving economic political and security conditions in the country. Due to these reasons, child labour has remained a neglected issue.

~~If the child labour continues to be a neglected issue, it would have far-reaching consequences. It will eventually result in the societal backwardness, hindered country's progress and increased criminal activities. As in child~~

~~Child labour prevents the child from getting education. Founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, has greatly emphasized on the importance of education. According to him, "Education is the matter of life and death for Pakistan. The world is progressing so rapidly that without requisite advances in education, not only shall we be left behind but may also be wiped out altogether." This quote proves the importance of education for the society's and country's progress.~~

Cause should be of neglect not of child labour

Child labour, in addition to society's backwardness, also contributes in keeping intelligent children away from school. Many children,

who are intelligent and talented, have to earn money and feed their families. About 22.1 million children are out of school. It is the school that makes a child into a noble citizen and teaches a child that how it can serve the country best. Such a large number of out-of-school children hinders the progress of the country.

Child labour also contribute towards increase in crimes. As these children are uneducated and illiterate, they, instead of serving the country, will increase criminal activities such as robbery, theft, murders and even suicide bombers. Hence, if the child labour remained a neglected issue, it would have negative consequences. So, addressing this issue is the need of an hour.

The issue of child labour can be resolved by the joint efforts of the government and parents. It is a two-sided issue which can only be resolved by the cooperation between the government and parents. Parents should send their children to

Solutions should be for overcoming neglect.

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schools. In order to address the economical situation <sup>concerns</sup> of the family, the government had established government schools where free education is provided. Government should introduce laws for ensuring each child gets education and if someone does not send their children to school then punishment must be given.

The government had provided free of cost education and scholarships to the bright student. So, active role must be played by the parents to address this issue. For this purpose, public awareness must be created by means of internet, television and social media platforms.

⑧ Increasing job opportunities can result in decrease in child labour. When parents will be able to fulfil all the needs of the family, a child would not be compelled to earn for the family. Moreover, the parents will be able to afford child's education. In this way, harmony would prevail in the society which ultimately leads towards a prosperous society and nation.

From the above paragraphs, it can be concluded that child labour had remained a neglected issue in Pakistan. The country's economic, political and security concerns contributed towards negligence on this issue. The issue has negative implications on society's progress, country's prosperity and peace. However, the issue can be addressed by the joint efforts of parents and government by adopting strict measures as discussed above. In a nutshell, the issue of child labour can be resolved by proper and rightful planning as it is rightly said, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

