

## **Life in a Big City**

*“The seeds of civilization are in every culture, but it is city life that brings to fruition.”*

Life in a big city is always growing and moving. Also, there are hundreds and thousands of opportunities for people in big cities to learn and grow. In addition, they provide a chance to grow professionally and personally. Due to the exposure in cities, people tend to be smarter, and intelligent in comparison to the people who live in small towns and villages. Besides, the life of the city is very fast.

Life in a big city means you have to indulge in the daily hustle. You have to match the fast pace of the city. Otherwise, you will be lost in the crowd. Apart from this, a big city offers you a lot of support for living a comfortable life. Thus, it is all about making the right balance in the modern town.

A big city has a lot to offer for you to make your life a pleasant experience. However, as you know, good things never come easy, so, to reap the perks of city life, you have to make sure to work hard at the same pace as it runs. Hence, people work like a machine to fulfill their dreams and be successful.

Moreover, people experience a lot of competition in big cities to achieve their life's goal. Whether a business owner or an employee both struggle to be at par and earn more fame as well as money. They all have to match the pace of life to let the ends meet. A good life in a big city is almost impossible unless you are well settled. Also, you will hardly get any free and peaceful time in such cities as you have to hustle consistently.

You will see there is a great rush of traffic at peak hours of the morning as well as evening. It is not easy to shop around in the markets because they are bustling with the crowd always. The parks are full, and the metro is congested. These thickly populated cities even go through housing problems, which is even increasing every passing day. All this seldom gives the residents of the big city any peaceful moment.

Further, essentials are so expensive and day to day price hike creates frustration. Due to a high rate of population, demand for resources arises. As a result, you will find every product adulterated, ranging from milk, ghee, and oil to pulses. Pollution is another harsh reality of metropolitan cities. Air and water both are impure that create an unhealthy living environment.

On the contrary, life in a big city is a comfortable and convenient choice too. It is a place for luxury

abundant of technology, entertainment, job opportunities, advanced education, and medical facilities. Undoubtedly, a big city is the best place to reside if your pockets are full of money.

There are oodles of recreational activities available in metro cities like gardens, amusement parks, restaurants, or clubs. You can hang out there with your family or friends. You will celebrate festivals here with more pomp and show. Additionally, there are fewer social issues when you live in big cities than in villages or small towns.

You can have an enjoyable yet stressful life here. The metro city will present you with many struggles, but you can't give up on them to live a happy and successful life. Thus, all you need is a thought and effort to live a balanced life for creating a sustainable living space. Indeed you have to work hard for better living in a big city but without losing other precious things in life.

When you desire luxury in life you choose to live in a big city. You will enjoy several perks and facilities when you are earning well. You can't have a difficult life here as you'll find good schools, hospitals, restaurants, malls, and travel conveniences. Also, job security and advanced facilities make life easy in big cities.

However, the big cities have some issues as well. First of all, everyone is in a hurry in these regions. Work-life is so hectic that parents don't get time for their kids. Besides, in our efforts to have an advanced life, we are destroying the nature around us. People are cutting trees to build more houses and factories. As a result, it leads to increased air and water pollution. There is also too much traffic that again affects the atmosphere. Hence, Life in a Big City is pleasurable yet difficult. It's up to you how prepared you are to fight with the tough life of the city.

To sum it up, big cities, on the one hand, offer many opportunities for personal, professional, and economic growth. On the other hand, take away the comfort and relaxation from life. Also, life in cities is very busy and people do not have time for their own self and their families.

***“Today’s city is the most vulnerable social structure ever conceived by man.”***

***(Martin Oppenheimer)***

## **A visit to Historical Place**

*What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!*

*How sweet their memory still!*

There is no doubt in it that a visit to a historical place is our cultural heritage. Such places are a window to our splendid part. It is certainly a wonderful experience to visit such places. These visits add a lot to our knowledge. When we visit historical places, we come to know the skill and ability of the past. Sometimes such historical places tell us true stories better than the story that is described in books on history.

It is well said,

*“Architecture is frozen music.”*

In this modern age, we remain busy day and night like machines our minds are all the time preoccupied with the worries and responsibilities of everyday life. In this humdrum life, people become dull in soul and drab in spirit. They have confined themselves to the small stinging nooks of the offices. They feed their big bellies but do nothing for their vexed souls, life has become flat, boring and monotonous for them. They have no space-time to spend in the company of balmy nature.

*“What is the time full of care,*

*We have no time to stand and stare”*

***W.H Davies***

We should realize the fact that life should be enjoyed with all its charms and pleasures. We should also spare some time for pleasure and recreation. I have visited many places but the place I like most is the Jahangir Tomb who was a Mughal Emperor. Sometimes such places tell us better stories than history books. A visit to a historical place is always valuable for a student.

As it is well said,

*“All history is the biography of great men.”*

Last Sunday, we decided to go for an outing. We planned to visit the Jahangir Tomb because we had not seen it. So we all agreed at this historical place should be visited. The Tomb of Jahangir is situated at Shahdara near Lahore. We started preparing for this visit. After two hours we reached there by bus. We were much excited. The great tomb of Jahangir was in front of our eyes. The four tall minarets of the tomb

were visible from a distance- As we entered the gate, we saw large grassy lawns on both sides of the road. The weather was very pleasant.

The parks were full of blooming flowers. They were spreading their fragrance all around. It was a very charming sight. There were also some cool shady trees. Many birds were sitting in the twigs of the trees. They were chirping. The flower was presenting a colorful sight. I am very happy about my visit to a historical place. There was a beautiful fountain in front of the Jahangir Tomb. It was sprinkling its light shower. The drizzling of drops produced charming music.

Then we reached the tomb itself. It is a low, large and beautiful building. In an inner room, the great Mughal Emperor sleeps. The great king was lying in his grave, silent and friendless. This was the king who led a luxurious life surrounded by courtiers. The room was decorated with colorful designs. It is a wonderful piece of Muslim architecture. We offer there.

We went up to the roof/terrace and had a view of the city of Lahore. It was a beautiful sight. The cool breeze and the deep blue sky made a magical impression on us. We came down and sat under a shady tree to take rest and had our lunch. We had some light refreshments.

Soon it was evening. It was a very beautiful place. The silence and the peace of the Jahangir Tomb affected us strangely.

***“Mingle your cares with pleasure now and then.”***

The death of the great king reminded us that everybody had to leave this world. There were none of his courtiers to salute him.

At about 5:30 PM, we sat again under a shady tree. My mother spread the table cloth on the ground and put our things on it. Mother had prepared many tasty dishes. We took our meal and had some rest. Then we played cricket in a grassy park. It was a source of great amusement. My elder brother told me some interesting anecdotes. We sang together some national and film songs.

In the evening, we packed our belongings and made our way home. Our hearts were saturated with pleasure.

I enjoyed this place very much. I have a dream to enjoy this beautiful place forever. Our minds were full of great thoughts when we left this historical place.

Our visit to Jahangir's Tomb was very rewarding.

***“Seeing is believing.”***

We enjoyed the visit very much. It was a memorable visit to the historical place. It will always remain fresh in our minds.

## **My Hobby**

***“Hobby is an activity that you do for pleasure when you are not working.”***

***Oxford Dictionary***

A hobby is a recreation which brings about personal pleasure and amusement. It is some interesting pursuit which we adopt as an occupation for our free time. It enables a man to find some soothing work which can relax his mind and soul.

In the present era, a man has to work hard for his survival. He has to put his maximum efforts to face the challenges of life. This physical and mental work not only tires him but also damages his talent. He certainly needs some pleasant activity to lessen this burden of boredom. He should have some free time and favourite activity to ease his troubled feelings. This sort of mental entertainment is called a hobby.

***“A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away.”***

Different people surely have different hobbies in other words, there are as many hobbies as men. Book reading, gardening, stamp collecting, painting, swimming, fishing, cooking, photography and many more are adopted by various people in the world. Everyone adopts a hobby according to his own temperament, taste and interest.

***“A hobby is hard work you wouldn't do for a living.”***

***Ralph Waldo Emerson***

The small garden in front of my house is the result of my favorite hobby, gardening. Gardening is my favorite hobby. I think, it is the best of all the hobbies which one can follow with a lot of amusement and benefit to health. I have laid out a smaller of amusement and benefit to health. I have laid out a smaller garden in front of my house. When I sit in my smaller garden a great pleasure. Sweet fragrant flowers of different hues sweeten as my mind. It helps me in many ways. While working in the garden not only do I spend my time in a better way but also improve my health as thus I take exercise unwillingly. It brings me close to Nature and I feel lost like Wordsworth in the beauty of blooms and blossoms around me.

The garden in front of my house is small, no doubt, but even then I am proud of it because it is the result of my own hard labor. There are smaller beds of flowers in which I grow seasonal flowers. When the plants bear blossoms, I feel a thrill of joy in my mind and take pride in my creative labor. Whenever any of my

friends asks me anything about sowing and maintaining of plants. I give him information with elated feelings.

Surrounded by the beds of flowers is a smaller lawn with soft velvety green grass. I am very fond of this lawn and take pride in maintaining it trim, tidy and neat. In the evening we sit in this lawn and talk chat and discuss several things. I have grown fruit trees along the fringes of the grass lawn. Some of the fruit trees yield fruits but most of them are still young. Whenever any one of my friends comes. I offer him the fruits of my own garden with pride. The grapes, guavas and pomegranates of my garden are very sweet and juicy. Last year I planted a mango sapling which to the surprise of my friends, relatives and even myself, has borne fruit this year. Whenever any visitor comes to my house these days, I very proudly invite his attention to the hardly two feet tall tree that bears the fruit. This little garden is a place where I find peace and happiness.

## **Pollution**

Pollution is a term which even kids are aware of these days. It has become so common that almost everyone acknowledges the fact that pollution is rising continuously. The term 'pollution' means the manifestation of any unsolicited foreign substance in something. When we talk about pollution on earth, we refer to the contamination that is happening of the natural resources by various pollutants. All this is mainly caused by human activities which harm the environment in ways more than one. Therefore, an urgent need has arisen to tackle this issue straightaway. That is to say, pollution is damaging our earth severely and we need to realize its effects and prevent this damage. In this essay on pollution, we will see what the effects of pollution are and how to reduce it.

Pollution affects the quality of life more than one can imagine. It works in mysterious ways, sometimes which cannot be seen by the naked eye. However, it is very much present in the environment. For instance, you might not be able to see the natural gases present in the air, but they are still there. Similarly, the pollutants which are messing up the air and increasing the levels of carbon dioxide is very dangerous for humans. Increased level of carbon dioxide will lead to global warming. Air pollution, water Pollution and soil pollution are different types of pollution.

Further, the water is polluted in the name of industrial development, religious practices and more will cause a shortage of drinking water. Without water, human life is not possible. Moreover, the way waste is dumped on the land eventually ends up in the soil and turns toxic. If land pollution keeps on happening at this rate, we won't have fertile soil to grow our crops on. Therefore, serious measures must be taken to reduce pollution to the core.

After learning the harmful effects of pollution, one must get on the task of preventing or reducing pollution as soon as possible. To reduce air pollution, people should take public transport or carpool to reduce vehicular smoke. While it may be hard, avoiding firecrackers at festivals and celebrations can also cut down on air and noise pollution. Above all, we must adopt the habit of recycling. All the used plastic ends up in the oceans and land, which pollutes them.

So, remember not to dispose them off after use, rather reuse them as long as you can. We must also encourage everyone to plant more trees which will absorb the harmful gases and make the air cleaner. When talking on a bigger level, the government must limit the usage of fertilizers to maintain the soil's fertility. In addition, industries must be banned from dumping their waste into oceans and rivers, causing water pollution.

To sum it up, all types of pollution is hazardous and comes with grave consequences. Everyone must take a step towards change ranging from individuals to the industries. As tackling this problem calls for a joint effort, so we must join hands now. Moreover, the innocent lives of animals are being lost because of such human activities. So, all of us must take a stand and become a voice for the unheard in order to make this earth pollution-free.



## **My favourite Personality**

The favourite personality or hero is seen as a man of exceptional qualities and matchless genius. He has the potential and courage to change the fate of his nation. He is the man of strong will power, steadfastness and outstanding nerve. His inspiring personality benefits the nation in multiple ways.

*“A hero is a man who does what he can.”*

*(Romaine Rolland)*

In human history, there are countless people who served humanity with their outstanding tasks. When we talk about great personalities, various names such as Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa and much more come to mind. These people had done a lot of things for the people who needed them. They showed their tremendous courage in banishing the various ills of society and benefitted their nations to a great deal.

*“True heroism consists in being superior to the ills of life, in whatever shape they may challenge us to combat.”*

*(Napoleon)*

Among all these great men, my favourite personality is Allama Muhammad Iqbal. He is our national poet. A great poet only needs a simple verse to leave a long-lasting impression in the reader's mind that's why the poets attract me the most. They are said to be the disciples of God. They feel and express themselves in an unusual way. I, being fond of poetry, besides reading Urdu poets like Faiz, Firaq, Iqbal, Hafeez, Josh, Ghalib and many others, have also read Keats, Shelley, Blake, Yeats, Browning, Wordsworth and few other English poets. But Iqbal is my favourite personality he is not only a poet, he is a leader and a champion. He is a genius possessing matchless qualities in his personality.

The creator of the Idea of Pakistan, the poet of the East and champion of Islamic Philosophy was born in Sialkot on November 9th, 1877. He inherited mysticism from his father Sheikh Noor Muhammad and received his early education in his native town. After passing the intermediate examination from Murrey College, he joined Government College Lahore. He got his M.A in Philosophy with distinction and went over to England. There he did his PhD. After his return to the homeland, he settled down as a practising lawyer. But he never felt cager for this profession. He had a higher calling in view. He aimed at the regeneration of the Muslims through poetry. He believed that nothing but Islamic Principles present the real code of life, as he says:

*“I lead no party, I follow no leader, I have given the best of my life to the careful study of Islam, its law and policy, its culture, its history and its literature.”*

He persuaded the Muslims of India to realize their worth and urged them to learn the lesson of “self-esteem”. He convinced the Muslims to break the chains of slavery and come out as an independent nation. He wrote various letters to Quid-e-Azam requesting him to do something for the Muslim Nation. It was he who gave an idea of Pakistan.

In 1930, he made a historic speech in which he pointed out that the Muslims are quite different in their beliefs, customs and religion from other nations. He proposed a plan of peace and happiness for Indian residents.

In his poetry, there are many references from the Holy Quran. Some critics even are of the view that Iqbal’s poetry is the true explanation of the Holy Quran. His poetry suggests that Islam is a universal religion which has the ideal guidance not only for the Muslims but also for the whole world. He urged the Muslims to rekindle the flame of faith in their heart.

*“To have no faith is worse than slavery.”*

There is no doubt his poetry has universality and would continue benefitting the whole world. He has provided the fantastic code of ethics in his poetry. How beautifully he delivers the idea of self-respect, ego and attainments in life.

If the Muslims begin to study, understand and follow his advice, they will surpass the nation and get an elevated place in this world. He is surely a hero in a true sense. He is my favourite personality. May the Muslims of this era get inspiration from his poetry and regain their lost glory.

## **Patriotism (Why I Love Pakistan)**

***“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him”***

***(Abraham Lincoln)***

Patriotism is devoted love, support and defence of one's country. It is an attachment to a homeland. This attachment can be viewed in terms of different features relating to one's own homeland including cultural political or historical aspects. Certainly, a person becomes emotionally attached to the place where he lives. So it is a natural passion. I also love my country very much. I am proud of Pakistan. Its history, culture and brave people. It is my beloved country and motherland.

***“Men love their country, not because it great, but because it is their own.”***

***(Seneca)***

I love my country Pakistan, for its ideology. It was established on the basis of an ideology. Pakistan is the fort and heart of Islamic world. We achieved it in the name of Islam, so that we may perform our religious duties freely according to our own will. Being an Islamic state its constitution is completely based on Islamic principles. It is a state where we are free to shape our destiny. Here we are free in our political, social, religious and educational fields. It is a place where we feel safe and live a life according to our religious principles.

***“A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, river, and woods, but it is a principle: and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.”***

***(George William Curtis)***

I am proud of my people whose personalities and achievements inspired the people of the whole world. It's the land where our hero, our leader Quaid-e-Azam had lived. It's the place where the great and glorious men like Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Hafeez Jalindhari, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Dr. Abdul Qadeer, Abdus Salam and many more had passed their magnificent lives.

***“A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honours, the men it remembers.”***

My country is full of many beautiful natural scenes. It is the land of mighty mountains, fast flowing rivers, beautiful valleys, outstanding landscape, lush green fields and trees. The unbelievably beautiful scenes of Kalam, Naraan, Kagaan, Sawat and Kashmir marvel the visitors. The tourists can't help praising the awesome scenic beauty of these places.

Anyhow being true patriots, we need to remove the evils which stain our beloved land. The need of the hour is to remove corruption, unbalanced distribution of wealth, unemployment, poverty, smuggling, illiteracy and terrorism from our country. We need to encourage, justice and fundamental electoral reforms to make our country very powerful, strong, united and formidable.

***“He loves his country best who strives to make it best.”***

As I love my country, I want to see Pakistan to be a true and ideal Islamic state. For this, we all need to work individually. We need to change our character positively. I want to shape Pakistan which will be inspiring to all the nations. I wish to see my motherland a free, fearless, more united and affluent country. I have devoted all of my time for its prosperity and welfare. I am determined to propagate the ideology of Pakistan in the circles of my friends, and acquaintances. May my efforts result in success and Pakistan gets progress by leaps and bounds!

## **Corona Pandemic in Pakistan**

Corona Virus (Covid-19) is a newly discovered species of viruses that have become a hot issue globally that started in China. There are many different kinds and some causes of diseases.

Basically, coronavirus is a group of large viruses that are responsible for normally causing disease in mammals and birds. Due to the recent corona Virus attacks, thousands of people have died as a result of this disease left untreated and unchecked.

Although health officials tried tracking the exact source of this coronavirus, an early hypothesis thought it may be linked to a seafood market in Wuhan, China.

COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus. The novel coronavirus, began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, has spread to more than 213 countries including Pakistan. It is now a pandemic declared by the World Health Organization (WHO). Exponentially worse increase in number of cases in many parts of the world has forced several governments as well as Pakistani government to put people under lockdown, sealing borders and shutting down markets, schools and institutions.

Pakistan is sandwiched between two epicenters of Corona - China and Iran. Pakistan is among the top five most populated countries in the world and has lowest health budget. The government has issued directives on risk mitigation strategies to the masses for prevention by avoiding public gatherings, regular hand washing, social distancing, and maintaining at least a distance of two meters or six feet. Many people are still ignorant and do not abide by the government's directives despite the propagation of these messages through mainstream media.

After a review of the emergency situation in the country by the National Security Council, Pakistan's government adopted risk mitigation measures such as closures of all educational institutions and banning public gatherings to control the further spread of COVID-19. The western borders closed and temporary suspension of all international flights was implemented. State of emergency was declared in all major hospitals and more beds were added to meet the needs of expected patients. Several places had been designated as quarantine facilities.

Low literacy rate and general lack of awareness leading to non-seriousness of people towards the adoption of social distancing and hand hygiene. The high population density in major cities of Pakistan can facilitate in the spread of virus. Three-pronged approach of trace, test and treat needs to be aggressively implemented to stop the transmission of virus leading to a drastic increase in cases.

Doctors form an essential part of an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have critical roles in diagnosis, containment and treatment, and their commitment to treat despite increased personal risks is essential for a successful public health response. Frontline workers have been experiencing high work volume, personal risk and societal pressure to meet extraordinary demands for healthcare.

A COVID-19 vaccine began in 2021 at the earliest. Without a vaccine, other preventive measures are key part of trying to decrease and delay the epidemic peak. The media should play a responsible role by avoiding spreading panic and anarchy. Prominent religious clerics should pursue people intellectually about the health measures and precautions. May Allah help us during these troubled times.



## **Technical Education**

Education is the process of acquiring knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment and generally of preparing oneself for practical life. There are many kinds of education. General or liberal education means learning for learning's sake. Social education teaches us how to lead a good life in a society. Religious or spiritual education mould our characters and makes us virtuous and pious. But vocational or technical education is not learned for learning's sake only, it enables us to practice our learning to earn a living. Technical education may be defined as the practical application of scientific studies to the teaching of some trade, profession or handicraft.

*“The principal goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done.”*

*Jean Piaget*

Modern age is the age of machine. The machine has entered into the soul of our social life and no aspect of society is complete without it. Even the smallest thing of our daily use is manufactured after several mechanical processes. Hence, there is a great need for technicians and skilled workers. A labourer who works on a machine should be fully trained and should possess a thorough knowledge of that machine. So the importance of technical education is increasing day by day.

There is need of efficient and skilled workers in vocations. It is the age of large Scale industries. It is very difficult to achieve progress in the industrial field without a sufficient number of technically trained hands. Hence, young men must be given technical education, so that they may contribute their best in the desired development of our country.

*“The great end of life is not knowledge but action”*

*T.H Huxley*

Technical education is lacking in Pakistan. Our schools and colleges produce men who are fit only to be clerks. Our youth hankers after office jobs. They dislike to work in factories and hate to learn practical skills. This is why unemployment is on the rise in the country. Poverty in



Pakistan is due to the neglect of technical education. Our country is rich in raw material resources, but we cannot enjoy the advantages only because we are not equipped with any technical knowledge.

To conclude, our government has done a great deal in establishing technical and vocational institutions throughout the country. We must take lessons from other countries which are powerful even though they are not rich in natural resources. Only technical education has made them distinguished in the world. Our Country is fortunate to have rich resources. The only need is to give technical and vocational guidance to our young men and women. This alone can solve many problems at the same time.

## **My Aim in Life**

***“Hitch your wagon to a star”*** (Emerson)

Ambition is a guiding star in our life. It inspires us to achieve noble ideals in life. It stimulates our energy, courage and enthusiasm. Without ambition, life becomes dull, drab and boring. Those who have no definite aim in their lives, cannot rise in life.

There are as many aims as men. The nature of ambition differs from man to man. It depends upon his family background, upbringing, economic position, and social status. Some people want to be doctors, other to be engineers or civil and military officers. The ambition of some other persons is to earn wealth and fame that even after their death their names live on. Thus we find people striving to become sportsmen, poets, novelists, artists, educationists, film stars etc.

Everyone has his own dreams but the future profession must be selected keeping in view the taste and talent of the person. I have decided to become a C.S.P officer because it is according to my taste and temperament. I am active, energetic and daring by nature. I have the ability to express myself impressively. At present, I am a student of intermediate and after my graduation, I shall appear in the Public Service Commission’s Competitive exams for this post.

***“Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.”***

***(David Frost)***

I know that it is not a child’s play to become a C.S.P officer. I shall have to make an extraordinary effort to fulfil my dreams. I am ready to make any sacrifice for it. I am determined to leave no stone unturned to achieve my aim.

***“This one step – choosing a goal and sticking to it – changes everything.”***

***(Scott Reed)***

The general perception of the civil administration is, no doubt, bad in our society. In spite of the bad reputation of the civil administration, I have decided to become a C.S.P officer. I do not want to join it for wealth, power and pleasure. I have a mission to reform my society. It is

suffering from corruption, lawlessness and unrest. I wish to root out all the evils of our society. I have some effective plans to correct society. My job as a C.S.P officer will help me a lot in the achievement of my goal.

To conclude, aim or ambition or dream of life occupies great importance in human life. A man or a nation cannot make progress in the world in the absence of aim or ambition or dream of life. I am fully satisfied with my aim of becoming C.S.P officer as it suits my taste and nature.

## **Computer: A Blessing or Curse**

The computer is a remarkable invention of the modern age of science. It has broadened the mental horizon of man and revolutionized all the fields of life. The impossible tasks are now possible due to the efficiency and perfection of computer technology. The modern age definitely is the age of information technology. Knowledge is advancing at a fantastic pace. Computers are playing a vital role in our social and economic life by turning the world into a global village. Now, thousands of books are available on one screen. The right use of computer can lead us to progress and prosperity.

***“The new electronic interdependence recreates  
The world in the image of a global village.”***

***(Marshall McLuhan).***

Ability to connect to the internet is a tremendous blessing of the computer. Computer allows us to access huge information. Computers can store tremendous amount of data. They can process it in a fraction of seconds. They can manipulate it to give our expected analysis result. The computer has penetrated every facet of our lives. Home, schools, hospitals, banks, transport system, airlines, shopping malls, and Industry are completely dependent on computer. Their performance cannot be thought of without a computer. We can more easily research almost any topic we can think of. It is because of the ability of computer; its speed, perfection, large capacity of data storage, tremendous efficiencies of data processing and data retrieving at lightning speed. These parameters have discarded human mind error of any business. It has resulted in high per capita performance. In these areas computer is tremendous blessing to us.

***“To every disadvantage, there is a corresponding advantage.”***

***W. Clement Stone***

But there is also negative side of this blessing. With spell check we become much less concerned with learning how to spell. With grammar check we find it less demanding to learn correct grammar usage. With the ability to develop and access huge databases of information we get lazy about learning and remembering things. We are using computer for also reminding us about daily work which is reducing our memory power. These are our mistakes. But there are also

supporting elements of computer. If suppose electricity goes off then our lives will be paralysed. Thing about Y2K scare which required huge investing to eradicate the problem of Y2K. If satellites stopped working then we will be blind. Our bank will no more be able to give us electronic money. It will be a dangerous situation. We cannot communicate in absence of computers. So in these areas computer is a curse.

But these problems if thought of in advance then curse of computer can be made less effective. My logic is that keeping ourselves at the pace of computer's performance and using our intellect power of inventions, we can stop the future disaster of computing errors and problems. So in this sense computer can do more blessing than curse.

## **Advantages and Disadvantages of Cell Phone**

*“Technology is a gift of God. After the gift of life, it is perhaps the greatest of God's gifts. It is the mother of civilization, of arts and science.”*

John Milton was of the view that the attitude of someone made a thing good or bad. The thing in itself is not either good or bad. Ever since the dawn of the era of scientific invention, the scientific gadgets have been under debate whether they are good or bad. Cellular phones are being discussed by various sections of society.

Mobile phones are just one piece of evidence that the world is, in fact, a global village. Unlike landlines, the mobile phone does not put restrictions on users to stay at home or in the office etc. Business executives also want to stay in contact with their customer. In order to enjoy the confidence of the clients or customers, business executives would like to have the assistance of cellular phone.

*“This is simply magical!”*

Mobile phones are very useful in emergency situations. Excellent public administration or maintenance of law and order requires a consistent watch. If there is any danger of law and order being disrupted, mobile phones can convey timely information to public administration and help avert tragedies. Today, mobile phones are not merely communication devices, they are used as laptops also. This is because of the technological advancement of Business administration, engineers and other experts use mobile sets for data management.

Mobile phones have now taken the name of smartphones. It means they are smart enough to do many things for you. If you are bored, pick up your mobile phone and listen to a song, watch a funny clip or chat with your friends. Mobile phones are widely used to surf the internet, chatting with friends and family, watch movies, take photographs, play games and manage daily affairs like classrooms, finance, and shopping. There are hundreds and thousands of apps for a business and or activity. You can take help from mobile phones in every field of life. On the other hand, a mobile phone has some abuses also as we know:

*“Excess of everything is bad.”*

Students misuse mobile phones. They spoil themselves by indulging in the pleasures of mobile phones. They are fond of playing games and video clips etc. Certainly, this is neither appreciable nor desirable. Besides chatting, music, and videos, there are so many apps which are just a waste of time. Students are attracted to these catchy apps and spoil their time. Terrorists can use mobile phones for exploding the planted bombs. This has proved to be a big abuse of mobile phone. Instead of communication of information, a mobile phone set becomes a sophisticated weapon in the hands of terrorists. Many precious lives have been ruined by them. Criminals also use mobile phones to communicate and plan a crime. They keep in touch with each other all the time and do successful criminal activities because of mobile phones. Many youngsters watch undesirable videos online and offline in smartphones. They are so absorbed in fantasy that they do not care for their health and education. They will give more time to smartphones. Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master. (Christian Louse Lange). There is a certain type of playful guys and girls of social media who hurt the feelings of others. That is why depression, aggression, and stress are also associated with the use of mobile phones. Mobile phones have created distances among the people. The people now do not bother to personally go to see a relative and friend. They just make a phone call and that is all. The people have no less one-to-one physical interaction. It has significantly changed the attitude of the people.

We should use mobile phones only when it is needed. We should use mobile phones only for creative and positive activities. The parents can keep a watch on their children's phones and activities. Mobile phones can be a real blessing if we are able to prevent their abuses.

## **A Cricket Match**

Cricket is very interesting outdoor game. I am very fond of playing cricket. I am fond of watching a really good match. The other day, I went to see a very fine match between our college and ABC College. The match was to be played on our college ground. It is lush green with beautiful boundary.

It was a fine day. A large number of people had gathered to witness the cricket match in the college stadium. The captain of our team won the toss and elected to bat, and the other team took the field.

Players of both teams were very smart, active and energetic. Their athletic bodies reflected the hard-work they had done in gymnasium and on the ground. Our team was dressed in blue while they were in yellow. White ball was used for the first time in the history of local cricket.

The two batsmen who went in first were quite good players. One was a good hitter, and punished the ball and all over the field whenever he got it. The other was very careful, and most of the time simply blocked. He did not care for runs, the bowling was strong, and the boy who played a steady game was not able to score at single run for the first fifteen minutes, but the other was securing them rapidly, but he soon paid for it: he was caught out smartly at mid-off.

The next four players were dismissed very quickly two bowled, one caught out and one out leg-before wickets. All of us thought that our team would soon be all out. The score stood at fifty. However, the captain made a stand and, with the help of the steady boy who kept in with his blocking, was able to pull up the score to a hundred. The captain played very cautiously but before he could make some more runs, he was run out. The whole team were out for 128 runs.

We felt that our team would lose the match, but the other team did not have such an easy time as we expected. Our team had two very good bowlers one very fast, and the other spinner, and they gave their opponents a very tough time.

The other team made rather a poor start. Their first wicket fell in about ten minutes when the score was only ten. However, their captain cheered them up made a great stand when he was caught out at 70. Then their wickets began to fall quickly. The game seemed to point to a defeat for the other team. But when their ninth and tenth player came to bat, their hopes revived. They



hit and drove one of the fast scores reached a hundred. At the end one fine catch sent one of the fast scorer off the field. But the last man was a daring batsman whose two hits won applause from the crowd. They had now only thirteen runs to make to win the match. They struggled for runs, and great was the joy of the other team when the score stood and 115. But as ill luck would have it. One slow ball tempted the player to hit a six but he was clean bowled. The other team lost the match by five runs only. The spectators gave us standing ovation. Our college flags were fluttering everywhere while we sang and danced.

To conclude, sports are necessary to create a healthy society. They are an expression of players' stamina, athleticism, sportsman spirit and self-control. Besides, sports are great fun for players as well as spectators. This match was an evidence of such ideals!

***"What I know most surely about morality and the duty of man, I owe it to sport."***

## **Science and Society**

Science is the knowledge we gain through observation and experience proved true by reliable empirical evidence. Science works on the principle of empiricism. It tries to define and explain everything in the world in a logical way.

Science is practical in its nature. It aims to create a beneficial change for people at large. Since society is a collection of individuals, science is greatly necessary for the proper functioning of a society. Science affects society in multiple ways.

Science determines the collective mindset of a society. If a society is based on science, its individuals seek science to understand and live life. In a society based on science, individuals remain closer to the truth. They develop a habit of doubting things because doubt is the beginning of science. Science promotes critical thinking in society. It invites individuals to think beyond the boundaries of their beliefs.

***“The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.”***

***Edward Teller***

Moreover, a society based on science is more advanced and prosperous. This is for the reason that science aims to create positive change in society. Science keeps on inventing new things. Science keeps on producing an excessive amount of useful things in a shorter period of time.

For example, an agricultural society based on science produces more crops. Because it follows the scientific method. The scientific method is necessary to kill many social evils as well. Terrorism can be removed from society only by creating space for science.

***“We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science.”***

***Carl Sagan***

The scientific method teaches tolerance, patience and courage to bear disagreements. As a result, it allows individuals to live with each other peacefully. Conclusively, science and society are interconnected. Science influences the functioning of a society to a larger extent.

## **Women's Place in Our Society**

Women are an inherent part of society and cannot be neglected due to their less power and authority. They are created as a companion for men and men have to make women walk with them in the course of life.

***“O fairest of creation! last and best***

***Of all God's works”.***

Man and woman have been rightly compared to the wheels of the same carriage. The carriage cannot properly work if one of the wheels is defective. So, Woman are an integral part of society.

***“You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation”.***

As Pakistan is an Islamic state so Pakistani females' role and behaviour are defined by Islamic laws and as such are given divine sanction. She plays roles as a mother, a sister, a daughter and a wife. She plays her roles with great responsibility in the upbringing of a healthy solid society, but she is in our so-called modern world, still living in chains.

***“Man endures pain an undeserved punishment; woman accepts it as a natural heritage”.***

The main responsibility of a woman is to preserve the human race. As a mother, her position is unique. She brings up the children with extreme care. The first school of a child is the lap of his mother. It is quite true that great mothers may make a great nation. Napoleon said:

***“Give me good mothers and I will give you a good nation”.***

The basic unity of society is a woman. As woman makes a family, family makes a home and homes make a society. So, we should never think that a society would come into existence without the contribution of woman. We all know that without education, no development is possible. Here we have forgotten that the very first and best school of a child is its mother's lap.

Arabia, the origin of Islam, in pre-Islamic ages was wrapped all over by blanket of evil deeds, wicked thoughts and immorality. Women were the most affected during that time. They were treated like animals. They were only used as toys and they were worse than slaves. The new born baby girls were buried alive as they thought that the girls were the curse for family and society. But they did not realize that Allah's blessings are upon that home and parents that have

daughters. With the advent of Islam, the woman got the respect and status in the society that she ever deserved. In this respect, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) has said:

***“Verily the paradise lies under the feet of your mother.”***

Holy Quran says:

***“Women have the same rights in relation to their husbands”.***

And the Holy Quran also says:

***“Treat women politely”.***

In the Quran, there are many places where the Holy Book tells us the important place of women in society. Islam gives a right to woman to marry independently. In short, Islam gives all rights to woman, which are necessary. The western countries have tremendously developed in all fields of life. Their education, their health departments, the departments of information technology are in the highest rankings. They are educating and encouraging both sexes equally and discriminating none. Like this there is competition and where there is competition there is invention and invention leads to massive developments.

***“If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach the same thing”.***

Pakistan is an Islamic country and exists and functions in the context of its unique set of historical, social, economic and political circumstances. Pakistan is an underdeveloped country and most of its population is of the youth. It’s a golden chance for Pakistan to rightly utilize the youth’s energies. Woman are more productive than men; if in Pakistan they are given the right platform they will smoothly carry the nation towards development.

***“Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development unprecedented in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the woman-hood of the race”.***

In order for a society to be a pure society, both men and women should think, dress and behave in ways that allow pure society and actions to dominate the way of life and create a social climate conducive to the achievement of the real goal.

***“Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission”.***

## **Inflation / Rising Prices**

In economics, inflation is a sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time. When the price level rises, each unit of currency buys fewer goods. Consequently, inflation reflects a reduction in the purchasing power per unit of money.

The opposite of inflation is deflation. G. Ackley defines inflation as:

*“A persistent and appreciable rise in the general level or average of prices.”*

There are three types of inflation: The inflation caused by the printing of currency notes is called currency inflation. Demand-pull inflation results due to the increase in aggregate demand in the economy. Cost push inflation is the increase in the cost of production. Many factors trigger pressure in an economy. The rarer a specific item is the more valuable it must be. The same logic goes for currency, the less currency there is in the money supply and the more valuable that currency will be. When a government decides to print new currency, it essentially waters down the value of the money already in circulation. An increase in the money supply will be having more dollars chasing the same amount of goods in an economy, which will inevitably lead to increased demand and therefore higher prices.

When a country debt increases, the government has two options: they can either raise taxes or print more money to pay off the debt. Inflation can be made worse by our increasing exposure to foreign marketplaces. In America, they function on a basis of the value of the dollar. On the other hand, Demand-pull inflation and cost-push inflation causes an increase in the overall price level within an economy. Every day we hear of commodity prices going up and the value of money going down. We have also heard of inflation and the global economic crisis having far-reaching effects on the world economy.

In a fact that is surprising to most people, economists generally argue that some inflation is a good thing. A healthy rate of inflation is considered positive because it results in increasing wages and corporate profitability and keeps capital flowing in a presumably growing economy. As long as things are moving in relative unison, inflation will not be detrimental. We all love to save. But when it comes to long-term investments, it allows us to benefit from inflation down the road. Besides the positive effects, inflation leaves long-term negative impacts on the people and

the living. It becomes difficult for a consumer to purchase more goods. It generates bad effects on the poor labour force. Inflation reduces the living standard and purchasing power of people. It causes an increase in the tax bracket. In a competitive environment where demand and supply forces predominantly influence price movements, an attempt to keep the prices down artificially results in a dilution of quality and in some cases quantity too. Thus, inflation is taxation without legislation. Inflation is like the sun; every government denounces it, and every government denounces it and every government practices it.

## **Drug Addiction**

Our ancients have spoken of five cardinal sins, which must be avoided by all means, though they may appear to bring profit or pleasure for the time being. They are gambling, stealing, murder, lack of chastity and drugs. The history of humanity is replete with examples where people have been ruined by following the path of one or other of them. A whole nation was brought to disgrace by opium. Some people think that the use of drugs adds to the pleasure, some think that it takes away physical weariness. Still, others take it to forget their worries while others take it to please the company they keep. In cold countries, they have it to keep themselves warm. While in very small doses drugs act as medicines, they can only bring harm in large doses. They have a doping effect and hence at the spur of the moment, the person may act more vigorously. Sustained consumption of them in large quantities will lead to dependency and addiction.

Man has known to make drugs. Today, various kinds of addictions like wine, brandy, morphine, heroin, cocaine and opium are prevalent. These drugs affect the nervous system especially the brain that controls voluntary action. So, a man under the influence of a drug is unable to walk properly and he staggers. It deadens the senses, so a man under the influence of drugs does not know what he does or speaks. Continued addiction upsets the digestive system, especially the liver, leading eventually to death.

The mental faculties will be numbed. Drug addiction brings moral degradation. The addict himself knows it and so he consumes them only in secret. It is against all religious sanctions. It leads to immoral and evil activities. Socially also an addict is looked down upon and people would try to avoid a drug addict. He is a nuisance where he is, at home or in the company. He would bring untold misery to his people and those around him. People will point the accusing finger at such a family.

Nowadays, youngsters under pretenses are taking drugs like marijuana and opium. It is sad; they don't realize the harmful effects. A drug addict becomes a drug dependent. He cannot live without drugs. It is a form of psychological condition that implies a set of mental and behavioural responses to drugs that result from repeated reinforcement produced using drugs.

There are many causes, which lead to drug addiction. These include social, economic and physiological factors. There is a strong nexus between drugs and torn family life. It has been

found that a broken family structure often forces one to resort to the drug. In other words, personality make-up is another factor for drug addiction. Gene structure of a particular person makes him vulnerable to certain kinds of addiction. The easy availability of different drugs in the market makes it easier to produce them.

Unless a person wishes to get rid of this evil, it is very difficult to give it up. Hence, an awareness campaign can serve the purpose and awareness should be given of the vices of addiction.

***“Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic is alcohol or morphine or idealism.”***



## Curbing Child Abuse

*“The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children.”*

*(Nelson Mandela)*

Child abuse is an obnoxious act of mishandling the child emotionally, physically and psychologically and finally leading the child to death. No religion can tolerate such an offence and crime exerted against the innocent children of society.

Child abuse may cause serious and disastrous harm to the child that finally results in death. It results in behavioural emotional and physical effects in both childhood and adulthood. It is found in all cultural, ethnic and social groups. The awful and alarming effects of child abuse vary according to the sensitivity and severity of abuse and the surrounding environment of the child. Nurturing and supportive environment of school and family can ensure healthier outcomes.

Low self-esteem, relationship conflicts, withdrawal and alienation, anxiety and personality disorders appear in the form of emotional effects of child abuse. It also affects the behaviour of the abuser as neglect of duty, suicide attempts, antisocial and criminal behaviour and problems at school and work, domestic abuse, anger, and child abuse.

Child abuse can also have awful physical effects, which include physical disabilities, lifelong health issues, cognitive problems, death and injury.

Psychosocial, mental disorders, stress, difficult behaviours and attitudes are the major contributing factors in the occurrence of child abuse. It is often noticed that physical abuse is a result of excessive discipline or physical punishment that is not age-appropriate for the child.

Herbert Ward says:

*“Child abuse casts a shadow the length of a lifetime.”*

Therapeutic methods, cognitive behavioural therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDP) and awareness through education are the ways to treat the abuse appropriately. The occurrence of child abuse can be minimized through intervention and education. The prime focus of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is to change beliefs, assumptions, cognitions, and behaviours by influencing the instability of emotions.

Government and society must devise preventive measures to curb child abuse. At a very early age, parents should also invest time with their children and teach them about confiding in an adult. Life skills based on emotional health, behavioural development and hygiene must be orientated in the curriculum of the education system.

Legal actions should be taken strictly against the abuser and criminals to curb child abuse. Severe punishments should be inflicted upon the murderers and rapists without any delay. For the safety of innocent souls, an interactive relationship should be developed. Children should also be taught the application of self-defense skills. Parents need to be communicative with their children and they must train them against physical assaults. The social awareness campaign can also be initiated through social media for providing education to parents about child abuse.

## Corruption

Corruption is a multi-faceted social evil. It is a dilemma and a great challenge the world face today. It has stuck to humankind like a fatal and deadly malady. It is an extensive and worldwide moral degradation of society. Nepotism, misappropriation of public money and non-accountability have spread the waves of corruption in almost all departments of life. Even courts of justice and education are no exceptions. They have also become the arena of corruption.

Corruption is a severe threat to national existence and rectitude. It damages the whole system of moral, ethical and religious values of civil society. The distinction between right and wrong vanishes. Revolutions and military takeovers have become common. Corruption is one of the main causes of the ruination of nations in the past.

Corruption has also become an essential part of our economic, social and cultural activities. From the bottom to the top, the whole machinery is corrupt. The corrupt people use quite surprising techniques and phenomenal tricks to deceive others. From a peon to a boss, almost everyone is involved in corruption directly or indirectly. Usually, the police and income tax departments were notorious for corruption. But now, this evil has mushroomed in almost every department of the government. It has crept into our social system and corroded the machinery of government.

As William Gaddis said,

***“Power doesn’t corrupt people, people corrupt power.”***

Partiality, bribery, nepotism and misuse of power have utterly knocked down the moral fiber of our society. Almost all the civil and military officials have fallen prey to corruption. For the sake of monetary gains, they touch the lowest level of immortality. Several strands contribute to the rife of corruption. First, the people have a lack of contentment because of economic uncertainty and insecurity in our society.

Firstly, every person wishes to get rich overnight and, therefore, tries to feather his nest. Secondly, the inflation rate is unbridled in our society. The public officials are unable to carry on their standard of living within salary. So, they are enticed to accept the bribe. Thirdly, a lack of accountability on the part of the public servants and politicians’ water the flower of corruption.

Fourthly, most people have disregarded religion and moral traditions. They want to accumulate wealth at any cost. They have no sense of right and wrong.

To eradicate corruption, we shall have to end the corruption culture. We should re-establish our connection with religion, which can keep us on the right path. All the responsible officials and politicians must be held answerable for their deeds. The anti-corruption department should be authorized to give drastic punishments to corrupt people.

***“The World will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything”***

***(Albert Einstein)***

## **Importance of Muslim Unity**

Islam is a religion of unity and harmony as it presents humankind's complete submission to the will of the ALLAH Almighty alone. It gives a lesson of justice, truth, brotherhood and purity. It came to integrate the world and liberate humanity from the shackles of exploitation, oppression and injustice.

The Holy Quran says:

***“And hold fast the rope of ALLAH and not be divided.”***

Muslims achieved eminence with an unwavering staunch faith in Allah and His Last Prophet P.B.U.H. The early Muslims spread Islam with steadfastness and love. They contributed to all realms of knowledge when they were united in their ranks. They became the prominent rulers, the well-known guides, the renowned leaders and the trendsetters in past. The whole world acknowledged and appreciated their greatness, dignity and glory. They got success everywhere with their strenuous efforts and remarkable achievements.

With unity in their ranks, they can again make this hollow derailed and inhumane wasteland an earthy paradise of peace, progress and prosperity. It is painful for Muslims to confess that Muslim Ummah is dispersed now. Muslims lack unity, harmony, peace and discipline in their ranks. Their falling away from pure Islam, sectarian conflicts, racial and tribal loyalty, disunity, political instability and corruption have always contributed to their downfall. The Muslim Ummah despite its rich resources lags in every walk of life.

They are considered fanatics, fundamentalists, and criminals. Although their character, honor, identity, ideology and even survival are at stake due to their disunity, yet they are silent spectators. Unity of Muslim Ummah is essential to maintain its freedom, progress, survival, stability and to regain its prestige and glory. All the obstacles in the way of Muslim unity should be studied and removed.

The Muslim world must have its financial institution, defense production units, welfare organizations and charters. Muslims are those who bring peace, progress, and stability in this disturbing world.

With unity in their ranks, the Muslims will not only become a great nation but also remove injustice, ignorance, cruelty, darkness, hopelessness, exploitation from the world. Their unity will raise their status in the comity of nations.

## **Education for Women**

Education is very essential for everyone because it is the only education by which we can distinguish between human beings and animals. Education teaches us that how can we live in a society that is why it is important for both women and me.

In past, women did not receive any education at all. They were not allowed to come out of the four walls of their houses. Domestic chores were their only education. But now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there is no difference between men and women. In this, century women have the same respect as men have. They help each other in every sphere of life.

Instead of this, so many people think only that the life of a woman is all about getting married, having children, and being born barded by unimportant details of domesticity. But they do not understand that education is very important for women not only for them but for a whole family. As men are the mothers of the future generations. If women are uneducated, future generations will be uneducated.

Men and women are two sides of a coin. Without one, the other cannot exist. The education of women cannot only give an educated family but can also help root out social evils such as unemployment and dowry. Social peace can easily be established. A woman has to play three distinct parts in the course of her life in each of which certain duties are expected of her. The first duty of a woman is to be a good daughter, wife and good mother. Education teaches a mother what she should be.

Women's education will not only empower them financially but also enables them to be a good custodian of homes. An educated woman knows her duties well and can bring up her children in a refined and humane way. In this way, a woman can contribute to the development of society. She procreates a motivated, excited and organized generation.

The government should ensure that every girl is allowed to study. Women's education is also required to counter the abuse against women. It is also advantageous in solving many problems of Society.

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said:

*“No nation can ever be worthy of its existence that cannot take its women along with the men.”*

Conclusively, women’s education should be given priority at the domestic social and national level because it is the cure for our underdevelopment.