

## **1. Social & Cultural Diversity**

Diversity means the existence of different cultures, customs, beliefs, traditions and Languages in a place or different places at a given point in time. Diversity resembles the mix of different ingredients with the *masala* (spices) in a mixed vegetable dish. If we take an example of a recipe, we will come to know about different ingredients of various flavors which are equally important in providing a collectively good taste: tomatoes, green and red chilies and salt, all combined would provide beauty, great taste, to the salad and would draw everyone towards it. The state of our life is nothing more than a reflection of our state of mind.

Diversity in Pakistan or anywhere in the world makes the world a better place to live in. It helps us in understanding the languages of different places and brings awareness about different traditions and ways of dressing up.

We can learn more and more about the benefits of diversity by understanding and applying it on ourselves. Diversity is about valuing individual differences. It recognizes values and manages differences to enable everyone to be free.

Diversity is a challenge which we have to embrace. If the same culture always prevails everywhere, the environment would become boring, something nobody wants, so there should be some change after certain intervals of time.

## **2. Citizenship**

As Oprah Winfrey said "Education begins a gentleman, actions complete him."

A citizen is a person who is a national of his country. Citizenship means "to work for the nation's prosperity. It is said:

"It doesn't matter how small one is, one can still make a difference".

That means we should not see that how small a person is but that his contribution can change the standard of education, health facilities and other aspects of society for a better future.

A good Pakistani citizen is one who practices laws made by the government and Persuades others to follow them too. He is one who not only cares for his own future but also cares for that of his country's and its citizens'. Leaving all aspects behind, a good Pakistani citizen is one who asks for his rights and also practices his responsibilities.

Rights & responsibilities are two sides of a coin, where one asks for his rights, he is bound to practice the responsibilities that are upon him. I don't know how many countries actually practice the human rights petition, out of the many that signed it. Pakistan has signed this petition but unfortunately none or very few rights from this petition are being practiced. United Declaration of Human Rights says:

"All humans are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood".

Here are some rights and responsibilities all Pakistani citizens have:

1. We have the right to move freely
2. We should also give others the chance to move freely.
3. We have a right to have supply of water
4. We should not waste water
5. We have a right to live in a pollution free environment
6. We should not add to pollution
7. We have a right to get education
8. We should allow others to get it also
9. We should not have a burden of taxes.
10. We should pay taxes.

### **3. What Is A Good Pakistani Citizen? Define His / Her Rights and Responsibilities**

Modern civics is the term which, refers to the rights and duties of an individual. A good citizen is one who is dutiful, honest, efficient and hardworking. He prefers common good over personal desires. Pakistan is a God-gifted land which was established by our predecessors after making invaluable sacrifices. Those martyrs laid down their own lives so that others could get a chance to live.

Patriotism must be the prime concern of every Pakistani. He or she should equip him/her self with the latest knowledge, so that they can become useful inhabitants. They must shed away ethno-sectarian divisions.

Provincialism and tribalism must be set aside. Being the residents of the “land of pure people”, as the name “Pakistan” means, we must have good morals and character. We must work as a model enlightened and moderate Muslim society.

We must try our utmost to achieve the goals set by our predecessors.

Sympathy, sincerity, devotion, commitment, moderation, accommodation and mutual cooperation must be the governing fibers of our social life.

Being a good citizen, one has to take the burden of some responsibilities. It should be the prime responsibility of a good citizen to obey the laws of the community.

He is responsible for passing on righteous deeds, harmony, love for peace and the feel of sympathy among his people. It is a saying about a democratic government: “You get the government you deserve”. It means that the things which one demands from the government will only be supplied if one struggles hard for it.

One should join and take part in private and voluntary welfare organizations. One should pay income tax honestly and on time.

After fulfilling their responsibilities, good citizens also demand for the community and personal rights. Both of these should be balanced, otherwise violence will be promoted and thus the community will be obliterated. The first basic and \* fundamental right is the freedom of choice of religion. Every

body should be given the right to lead one's life according to the religion one wishes to follow. Other rights include the freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of media. It often happens in Pakistan that the people who are accused of crime are not given protection, so the Government should take serious steps and urge this issue. The right for the choice of leader should be provided to the public and that is the right to vote. They should be well informed on the issues and candidates. When the constitution was ratified in 1789 many people were concerned that it did not protect certain rights. So the above rights and responsibilities should be given the utmost importance.

#### **4. What Problems Do Women Face In Our Society, How Can We Uplift The Status of Women In Pakistan”?**

“Women hold up half the sky at the same height as by men” (Mao).

We are living in an Islamic society and Islam has given an equal status to both men and women. Still our society is male dominant. In the past before the rise of Islam, women had no rights. They were considered inferior to men. If we cast a look at our society, then we will come to know that the condition of women is the same as it was before Islam. Unlike other democratic countries, if we analyze women's position in Pakistan then it will be seen that the women of Pakistan are facing a lot of problems. Most of our population resides in villages. The first problem which the village women face is that they are treated very harshly by their husbands, fathers and brothers. They have no freedom of thought, speech, expression etc. They are confined strictly to their homes. In our villages, literacy rate among women is very low. Even today the orthodox are against female education. They think it is a deadly sin to educate women. People think that women are fit only for domestic work. As our Prophet (P.B.U.H) said:

“Seeking knowledge is the duty of every Muslim, man and woman”

If in our society people are not advocating the education of women, it is not because of Islam but it is because of their traditions that they do not compromise. In villages, the women become victims of extremely cruel traditions like “*swara*”, which, means giving women to settle certain disputes and “*kar-o-kari*.” Another serious problem in our villages is marriage at a young age, just to get rid of their daughters and sisters, They just sell them to rich men even if they have no character but have money. If we look at the city, the women have fewer problems as compared to village women but still they face many problems. They struggle for their rights themselves: they don't get any encouragement and support from their families. Sexual exploitation is another big problem for the women in Pakistan as is extreme violence.

Although our government is trying its utmost for the betterment of women but until

and unless the people are fully aware of women's rights, the dream of a prosperous Pakistan will not come true. As it is said, "That society can never develop where the women are not given equal rights as those of men".

Recently the government of Pakistan has passed a bill of "Women Rights" and it is hoped that it will help our women a lot. It is the foremost duty of our government to educate the women of our villages and make them aware of their rights.

We would like to finish our discussion with these remarks:

"Modern world have banished the spinning wheel, the same law of progress makes the women of today different from her grandmother".

Not clear at all what the saying means or how it is relevant.

## **5. Where there is a Will, There is a Way**

Importance of the Proverb – Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Where there is a will there is a way is one of the most used proverbs to date. This proverb has a lot of meaning when we come to think of it. Its essential meaning is that if you set your mind to do something, you can easily do it. In other words, it shows us the importance of will power and how it can bring a change in someone's life. Will power is the desire to achieve something. If you have the will power to do something, then nothing can stop you from doing so. This proverb is equally applicable in almost all aspects of life. Similarly, it holds utmost importance in various ways.

This proverb is quite important in helping people push their limits and achieve their goals easily. It makes them more determined and focused to achieve their goal. Furthermore, this proverb just proves the importance of hard work and will power.

In other words, people who are willing to take the risk, no matter the cost, will successfully achieve their goals. If you just dream and dream about something and do nothing to achieve it, you will most likely fail and become incompetent. On the other hand, if you work continuously to achieve your goals, you can surely find a way.

Therefore, where there is a will there is a way teaches us to be quite focused and hard working. Moreover, it shows us how people following this proverb have reached great heights in their life.

## **6. A Stitch in Time Saves Nine**

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine is a wise saying. This phrase refers to a hole in a cloth. This hole would certainly get bigger if not fixed in time. It means that a timely effort that will prevent more work later. It certainly means prevention is better than cure. Furthermore, this important phrase tells us procrastination is a bad habit. Hence, if a problem exists, then one must fix it immediately. If not fixed in time, then even more problems can arise.

First of all, time is a very precious aspect of life. According to many successful individuals, time is money. This precious blessing of time is very limited. There are only 24 hours in a day. Also, the average human life expectancy probably ranges from 80 to 90 years. This certainly means that one can't afford to waste time at all. Hence, "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine" avoids wastage of time.

Another advantage of this concept is less effort. This is due to early dealing with a problem.

Dealing with a problem early requires a certain amount of effort. However, with delay the problem becomes ugly. Now to rectify this even more difficult problem means much more effort. So, following "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine" saves effort.

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine" has another advantage. It is better decision making. Following this concept means that a person has sufficient time to handle a problem. Therefore, a person can prepare solutions efficiently. In contrast, a person who delays problems will have a shortage of time. Consequently, this person would become stressful and nervous. Due to this, poor decision making would result.

## **8. Trees are our best friend**

It is correctly said that "when you plant a tree, you plant a life". Trees are one of the greatest blessings for humans from mother earth. The most important thing one must remember is that trees do not need us, rather we need them. Apart from the countless benefits they have, trees are certainly our best friends. They are the friends who always give us everything without expecting a single thing in return. Trees have inhabited this earth longer than humans; however, humans tend to forget this fact. They fail to recognize their significance and continue to exploit them endlessly for short-term benefits.

### Significance of Trees

Just like our friends, trees also come in our use in various ways. We usually share everything with our friends, similarly, trees do the same. They give us their fruits, seeds, flowers, herbs and more. It is impossible for human life to function without trees as they belong to the category of principal sources of oxygen on earth.

They are responsible for protecting us under their shade. Further, they even help in preventing natural calamities like droughts and floods. In addition to being useful for humans, trees are also a home for several birds and animals.

They provide shelter to them which ultimately benefits humans as well. In other words, trees fulfill the role of a best friend in every human being's life irrespective of anything.

### Over-exploitation of Trees

Despite holding such a great significance in our lives, humans have been overexploiting trees for the longest time. This constant practice can prove to be extremely devastating for the earth and human life, both.

For instance, the industrial sector is cutting down trees rapidly for attaining raw materials in bulk. Subsequently, even governments are contributing to deforestation by clear-cutting in order to build huge buildings

The world is turning into a concrete jungle with paying little or no heed to its dire consequences. Therefore, one must realize these facts and act on them before it gets too late.

To sum it up, as life gets hard without our best friend, the same will happen with the lack of trees too. The least we can do for trees is save them from being cut down. Without trees, this planet will turn into a desert.

While various governments of different countries are taking measures to conserve them, we must do it too individually. Encourage planting of trees and join campaigns that do the same.

Make the world a greener place and protect our best friends.

## **9. LEADERSHIP**

First of all, Leadership refers to the quality of leading people. Probably, it is one of the most important aspects of life. Above all, Leadership has led to the progress of human civilization. Without good Leadership, no organization or group can succeed. Furthermore, not everyone has this quality. This is because effective Leadership requires certain important Characteristics.

## Qualities of a Good Leader

First of all, confidence is the most quality. A leader must have strong self-confidence. A Person lacking in confidence can never be a good leader. A person must be confident

Enough to ensure others follow him. The leader must have confidence in his decisions and actions. If he is unsure, then how can people have the desire to follow him?

A good leader must certainly inspire others. A leader must be a role model for his followers. Furthermore, he must motivate them whenever possible. Also, in difficult situations, a leader must not lose hope. How can a leader inspire people if he himself is hopeless? Honesty is another notable quality of a leader. Honesty and Integrity are important to earn the love of followers. Above all, honesty is essential to win the trust of the people. Probably, every Leadership which loses trust is bound to fail. People will not work with full effort due to an immoral leader.

Good communication is a must for a good leader. This is because poor communication means the wrong message to followers. Furthermore, good communication will increase the rate of work. Also, the chances of mistakes by followers will reduce. Another important quality is decision making. Above all, if a leader makes poor decisions then other qualities will not matter. Furthermore, good decision making ensures the success of the entire group. If the leader makes poor decisions, then the efforts of followers won't matter.

A good leader must be an excellent innovator. He must display a creative attitude in his work. Most noteworthy, innovation is a guarantee of survival of a group or innovation. Without creative thinking, progress is not possible.