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Role of English in the Present Day

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Abstract

English plays quite multi-dimensional role in day to day life. It is used as medium of communication in all walks of life, it is link language and is used in trade and business both at national and international level. Students who want to fly abroad for education and job would be at ease if they have good communication skill in English. English has become need of time and a tool of designing career of students. With the development in technology, there is also an increase in the need to learn English to meet the requirements of existing circumstances. Modern lifestyle of people has also changed and hence English communication adds more value to it. In the present scenario, a person who do not have proficiency in English is considered as an illiterate.

Keywords: Primary Source, A Language Of Global Significance, Link Language, Key Role.

Introduction

Language is our primary source of communication. It's the method through which we share our ideas and thoughts with others. Some people even say that language is what separates us from animals and makes us human.

Though a foreign language, English occupies a unique position in Indian educational system. Even after independence, it continues to be a major language having a prestigious position in our society. This paper attempts to focus attention on the role of English language and the changing needs of English Language Teaching and Learning in India. English speaking and English listening are given a very high priority in Indian educational system. The aristocrat society in India sends their children to English-medium schools and even the poorest of the poor aspire to send their children to the same, since English is seen as a language that provides upward economic and social mobility.

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The Role of English language in the Present day

Education is a process of enlightenment and empowerment by which individuals are able to secure a better quality of life. Today, education is a commitment and freedom. The present day education is aimed at the growth of body, mind, intellect and soul. Children are humanity's greatest asset. Hence a new vision of human greatness must be instilled in them. Many children go to school in our country in pursuit of higher education. Hence we should welcome modern knowledge based on age old culture. It is a widely accepted fact that knowledge must be acquired and supplemented by a lifelong relearning and retaining system. English language is realized as a link language with global significance and also the most spread language in the world. In India it is to acquire better proficiency in English along with the learning of other subjects like Mathematics and Science. With the changing times, expectations of the society about the role of students and demands on them also changed. A perceptible change came with the advent of industrialization and society's need of trained meritorious personnel who can effectively contribute to the productivity and manufacture of a variety of goods as well as run the administration. This culture also exposed the need for 'trained persons' with desired capabilities and skills to fulfill diverse tasks. Hence there is a tremendous pressure to see that all students acquire requisite qualifications and degrees that lead to the best kind of employment, thus leading to the importance of imparting knowledgeable and updated education. A degree is no longer a necessary and sufficient qualification if it is not imparted with competency. This cannot be attained if the student does not adapt himself to the exposure of the emerging 'era of knowledge'. The students need to have a channel of communicating with other schools, colleges and Institutions through which the knowledge of English plays an important role. English language also plays a significant role right at the school levels where a child tastes the sweetness of the literary language and develops an interest in it and inculcates the habit of book reading. English as a subject helps a lot to get one into the habit of book reading as most of the books are written in that language. Reading a good book can get one enter a different world of relaxation. Through cross cultural communication helps to bring confidence in the child and urges him to improve his skill in communicating with various people and encourages them to handle complex concepts with ease. In a period of globalization and modernization English language learning enables in transferring the individuality of a child into a personality. Hence one has to be honest, sincere and dedicated in learning all the subjects equally and update his knowledge by referring various books for which again English language learning plays a

role. To survive in modern society English language learning is as important as water to us. It is also identified to be one of the factors for many graduates to be unemployed. The unemployed graduates are urged to polish up their knowledge in English. The importance of English in the modern world at the moment is quite large. Quite recently it was for us a foreign language, and today it is international. In all countries of the world, the study of English is of great importance. Almost everyone dreams of studying it at least at the initial level. Today, children begin to learn this language even at preschool age.

Many do not understand whether English is needed in the modern world. However, it's not a secret for anyone that today it plays an important role in the job placement. People who want to find a prestigious and highly paid position must necessarily know the English language well. This is due to the fact that large firms often cooperate with foreign partners.

To date, English is an international language. They need to have a good enough knowledge to negotiate fully and conclude deals with foreign partners. Travelling in English-speaking countries is possible only if you know and understand foreign speech. It's no secret that today almost every person wants to go on vacation abroad.

Thanks to the knowledge of English, you can easily communicate with people not only in English-speaking countries. There is a certain percentage of the population in any part of the world who can understand foreign speech. English is also well owned by people whose work is connected with tourists. In the event that you know a foreign speech, you can always easily ask for help in a foreign country. That's why you will feel confident abroad.

The role of English in acquiring an education

The role of English in the modern world is evident to students who wish to receive a decent education. Its knowledge allows you to study at any university. The received document on education is quoted in all countries. It's no secret that having, for example, a diploma from the University of London, a graduate can get a job in prestigious work anywhere in the world.

Almost in any large libraries, there are books in English even lots of online resources are also providing few books for preparation of different exams.

Detectives, novels, poems and other works can be read in the original, knowing a foreign language. It's no secret that translating books are not always accurate and literal. Thanks to the knowledge of English, is very much essential to many aspirants in India and other western countries who want to

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pursue higher education in other universities of the world for research or any other scientific and technical operations. Here English helps them reach their destination and opens the window of knowledge since most of the knowledge through books and materials is available only in English language.

The role of English in the world of technology

The relevance of learning English can also be explained by the development of technology. Annually specialists from all over the world create new inventions. They are given names that are most often English-speaking. Surprisingly, the words familiar to us, such as the laptop, computer, scanner, mobile and others came from English.

Thanks to the rapid development of the Internet, representatives of different nations began to closely interact on the Web. In order to understand each other, they use English. The role of English in youth life is very important. English plays an important role in the lives of adolescents and young people. Computer games in English are very popular among gamers. It's no secret that many young people spend a lot of free time using them.

Knowledge of English allows you to easily use not only games but also applications. A large number of English words are present in the youth speech. Experts believe that this is due to the stereotypes and ideas that were created in the adolescent society. Young people are sure that the standard of living in America is much higher than ours. Using in their speech English borrowings, they definitely approach their ideal in a certain way.

Most often, specialists with foreign knowledge are needed in the field of education and science. The highest level of English proficiency should be required of students who want to connect their lives with information technology. Work is more difficult for those who know English is almost always in large companies.

There are required specialists-translators. Some firms are ready to train prospective candidates at their own expense. Knowledge of English is also necessary for secretaries since in large companies they often communicate with international partners. You can't do without foreign and tourism workers.

Internationalization of Education

Internationalization means adopting English as an international language in the Higher Education sector. In today's global world, and with the help of developing technology, English has played a major role in many sectors: medicine, engineering, business, scientific research, social sciences, etc.

humanities, and Higher Education, in particular, as medium of instruction. English for academic purposes, in addition to General English, and English for specific purposes courses are taught to meet learners' different needs in many universities worldwide side by side with their natives, as in addition to countries, such as in Germany, Turkey, China, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Japan, Australia and India.

English is the language of science, computers, diplomacy, aviation, and tourism. English is the language of international communication. Learning English can really change your life. It is also very valuable to learn and can create many opportunities!

Language provides a common platform for each and every individual in the society. It is nice to hear from illiterate people using a number of English words in day to day life. Pizza delivery man speaks fluent English with his customer. English language provides a big platform for a common man to members of elite society. English language provides simple solution to every walk of life. It does not matter, if we consider it a foreign language or second language. English language is a language of common man.

English, though a foreign language in our country, has a very significant role. In the present day English is found everywhere from textbooks to songs, from films to religion. We can see these signboards these days saying "Slokas from Veda taught here Special classes in English is to provided." This very scene is evident to show how much English has prospered in our country. It has travelled a long way and managed to grab every single persons attention. This language which was considered as a foreign language just a few decades ago has become today the most important language in our lives, in fact it has become a part of our daily life. We have nativized English and have created recognition for it in the world.

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Indian Knowledge System

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The Indian Knowledge System is a rich and diverse collection of knowledge, traditions, and practices that have evolved over thousands of years in the Indian subcontinent. It encompasses various fields such as philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, arts, and spirituality.

One of the key aspects of the Indian Knowledge System is its emphasis on holistic understanding and interconnectedness. It recognizes the interplay between the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions of human existence. This holistic approach is evident in disciplines such as Ayurveda, which focuses on maintaining balance and harmony in the body, mind, and spirit.

Indian philosophy has made significant contributions to the understanding of the nature of reality, consciousness, and the self. Schools of thought such as Vedanta, Yoga, and Buddhism have explored profound questions about the nature of existence and the path to liberation or enlightenment.

In the field of science and mathematics, ancient Indian scholars made remarkable discoveries and advancements. The concept of zero and the decimal system, which are fundamental to modern mathematics, originated in ancient India. Scholars like Aryabhata and Brahmagupta made significant contributions to astronomy and trigonometry.

The Indian Knowledge System also encompasses a rich artistic and cultural heritage. Indian classical music, dance forms like Bharatanatyam and Kathak, and traditional crafts like pottery and weaving have been passed down through generations, preserving the cultural identity of the country.

Spirituality is deeply ingrained in the Indian Knowledge System, with various paths and practices aimed at self-realization and attaining higher states of consciousness. Yoga and meditation techniques have gained global recognition for their benefits in promoting physical and mental well-being.

It is important to note that the Indian Knowledge System is not static but continues to evolve and adapt to the changing times. Modern scholars and practitioners are building upon the ancient wisdom, integrating it with contemporary knowledge and technology.

Features of Indian Knowledge System

The Indian Knowledge System is characterized by several distinctive features:

1. **Holistic Approach:** The Indian Knowledge System emphasizes a holistic understanding of the world, recognizing the interconnectedness of various aspects of life, including the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions.
2. **Interdisciplinary Nature:** It encompasses a wide range of disciplines, including philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, arts, and spirituality. These disciplines are often interconnected, with insights from one field influencing and enriching others.
3. **Ancient Wisdom:** The Indian Knowledge System draws upon ancient texts, scriptures, and oral traditions that have been passed down through generations. It values the wisdom accumulated over thousands of years and seeks to preserve and transmit this knowledge to future generations.
4. **Spiritual and Philosophical Depth:** Indian philosophy delves into profound questions about the nature of reality, consciousness, and the self. It offers various paths and practices

for spiritual growth, self-realization, and attaining higher states of consciousness.

5. **Practical Applications** : The Indian Knowledge System is not limited to theoretical concepts but also focuses on practical applications. For example, Ayurveda, the traditional Indian system of medicine, offers practical guidelines for maintaining health and well-being.
6. **Cultural Diversity** : India is a land of diverse cultures, languages, and traditions. The Indian Knowledge System reflects this diversity, with regional variations and unique perspectives found across different parts of the country.
7. **Continuity and Adaptability** : Despite its ancient origins, the Indian Knowledge System has shown remarkable continuity and adaptability. It has evolved over time, incorporating new ideas, influences, and advancements while retaining its core principles and values.

In conclusion, the Indian Knowledge System is a vast and diverse repository of knowledge that encompasses various fields and disciplines. Its holistic approach, profound philosophical insights, scientific advancements, artistic expressions, and spiritual practices make it a unique and valuable contribution to the world's knowledge heritage.