

a simple approach

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Pakistan got independence in 1947 but after fifty four years, we are still lagging behind the old British system which was introduced by Lord Micalaay. The primary focus of that educational system was to recruit clerical and other supporting staff for British state machinery. Now, the British has changed their own educational system, but we are blindly following the old ways.

We are reading a lot in our schools, but this education is unable to change the condition of the students as well as the state. Let me say, we are one of the most indiscipline nation in the world. We can see the examples our discipline on roads public transport, in parks, hospitals etc.

The vital role of any educational system is to make the life of a human being more civilized, but this educational system has been failed to achieve that target. There are three major educational systems in operation here in our country. One is the Govt. school system second is private schools and third is elite schools offering O-Levels and A-Levels examinations. Just visit any type of

school you will find the young generation carrying the 'burden' of heavy school bags. The parents are forced to pay a handsome amount in those schools to get their children educated. I know a person who has been asked by the Garrison School Lahore to deposit Rs. 50,000 as donation for his child's admission. This is not the end there are further large expenditures around Rs. 6,000 for syllabus. Moreover there is a need of tutor because the parents are unable to teach their children at home. The average monthly school fee for a class one student is around Rs. 1,500 to 2,500. The tutor charges normally 2,500 to 4,000 per child monthly. The uniform and conveyance costs are yet another burden.

In Pakistan, education has become a business. All around the world, education is almost free. The govt grants subsidies to get their youth educated, but the scenario is entirely different here in Pakistan. This is time of our thinking and taking a firm decision (I wonder what are think tanks doing?) to define our needs and setting a road map to eradicate poverty, ill-mannered culture and darkness of illiteracy from our country. Although the Punjab Govt. announced the free education till matriculation but a lot more is awaiting. We don't need to learn a lot which is not re-

quired. The syllabus of all schools through out the country should be made uniform.

Upto class five we should need to learn Urdu, English and Maths. The objective of the syllabus is to learn and write Urdu and English. The method of oral reading and dictation should be implemented. This will increase the English vocabulary and Urdu writing. The simple arithmetic is needed upto class five.

From class five to class eight, there should be three compulsory subjects that is English, Mathematics and General Science. The aim of the syllabus is to learn some secondary concepts of mathematics i.e basic Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry. In English the emphasis should be given to English grammar. The general science should be comprised on basic science subjects. There should be three optional subjects, from which one is to be selected i.e Urdu, Islamiyat and Pak Studies.

From class eight to tenth there should be available a variety of groups like:

- G-1 Math, English, General Science
- G-2 Math, Computer, English
- G-3 Biology, Computer, English
- G-4 Technical Education like computer hardware, Elec-

- 2. Islamiyat
- 3. History
- 4. Legal framework (a subject which is designed to introduce the student with legal system, basic human rights and basics income tax and sales tax laws that will help in documentation of economy as well.

Every year thousands of students join colleges and take admissions in art subjects like Punjabi, Education, Persian etc. They even get the bachelor degree in these subjects but after graduation, a frustrating job seek starts. The private sector is not willing to hire them. In govt jobs, they cannot compete science graduates, doctors, and engineers in CSS or PCS exams. So lets come to our primary focus that is a civilized society. This aim can be achieved by drafting the syllabus with the help of psychologists. So the person who will go through the syllabus will be behaving in a civilized manner unconsciously. The secondary focus is beneficial for his family and country. The technical person can get job easily and they can also perform well in cottage industry sector. In 2005, after the implementation of WTO there will not be only competition of quality products, it will also implement on human resources. We always look towards Americans, even in their educational system; the