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Importance of English Language

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Abstract:

The present paper focus on the importance of learning English Language. Today English language is regarded as a tool, a vehicle for ideas and a gate-way to what is happening in the world wide . Today English has become the 'global' language. Fluency in this language is the only admit card to gate a job in the competitive world . You can use it to attain the pinnacle of our career . Hence learning English language is the dire need of time . This paper attempts to study the status of English language . importance of English language with the thoughts of great personalities .

Key Words : Lingua-franca, International language , communicative language , Language – means of social control

Introduction:

English is the lingua-franca of the world. With the IT revolution and most of the software and operating system being in English language a new utility for written and oral communication in English has emerged. English is said to be the world's most important language having communicative and educative value and effective. It is an essential part of human life. It is also used as a means of communication and social control. It has become as a part and parcel of our life and also world's language. It is a language of world culture and also an agency for international understanding and world peace. It is a progressive, dynamic and flexible. Over and above English is universally renowned for its power of expression and its rich literature. English language has made the world 'global village' by giving it global language for communication.

The Status of English Language

Of all the languages in the world today, English deserves to be regarded as a world language. It is the first language of United Kingdom. It has touched most of the suspects of human life as newspapers, world scientific and technological periodicals, radio stations and all that. Hence it can be easily conclude that English is an international language. It has reached each and every corner of the world. It is a cosmopolitan language. It is the important world language of science., technology, communication, computer. and ever expanding IT sector. Hence the importance of English language can never be denied. It is n international language in the sense that it helps in interlinking the people in the other countries of the world. It can be said that English is one of the major language of the world. UNO has given English the status of being as an official language. To quote Pt Jawaharlal Nehru- "English is our major window on the modern world". R.Quick and H.G Widdowson says about English language that 'English is the language on which the sun does not set, whose users never sleep'. In the same way C Rajgopalachari remarked that ' The English language is the Goddess of Saraswati's gift to India'.

India is a country with a mixed population of different languages. In Northern India the common language is Hindi and in Southern india, four different languages are used namely Tamil in Tamil Nadu, Kannada in Karnataka, Malayam in Kerala, and Telugu in Andhra Pradesh. English is the common language for communication in India. English has been considered a window to knowledge and wisdom in the world. A English is the mother tongue of mot of the common wealth





countries, large number of original books are written in English language. Most of the books written by Greeks and Roman philosophers and scientists are available in English. In the same way many political and economical thinkers like Plato, Aristotle and Karl Marx have spread their ideas in English. English has played a very important role not only in creating a political and social consciousness among the people in India, but also in imparting academic knowledge to the young. The stream of knowledge will flow in all directions through English. Those who know English knowledge have privilege of testing the fruits of the latest plant of knowledge. Those who hate and discard it merely as a symbol of slavery, are like a frog in the well.

English is a communicative language throughout the country. For more than a century, English have been occupying a privilege position in our country. It has also been playing vital role in our education system and in our day to day life. Besides, it possesses the unrivalled status of being an international language of not merely trade and commerce, but also of diplomacy, scientific discourses and advanced learning. Hence it is the dire need of time for Indian students to learn this language. Another reason of learning English language for Indian students is that most of the books for higher studies are published in English language. Book on medicine, surgery, electronics, higher physical science, technology, business administration, communication and research are published in English language. English is also a library language. Much of the world's rich literature in all branches of knowledge is found in this language. No library is complete without the works of English writers and poets. Prof. Gokhale has rightly observed that 'It was in the English classroom that Indian literary renaissance was born'. Hence English language must be learnt.

Importance of English Language

Report on Kothari commission states that English is quite essential to keep the pace in advances in science and technology. The former Chairman of UGC Dr. Satish Chandra, after carefully study of the problems facing the constitutional provisions relating to official language recommended that a certain standard was required of officers entering the higher services in English. In most of the states we see that regional languages are use as a means of communication and official use.. But his does not assist these language to attain the status of English in the academic field. People of various strata of the society regard English as a means of getting advancement and social elevation. To maintain social status and family prestige, parents are crazy to admit their wards in English medium schools like CBSE, an ICSE. In India, English is studied as a compulsory second language. It is not the medium of instruction for most of the students of India, both city and rural students. After al it is an instrument, a means for acquiring knowledge. But at the secondary level, there is a vital need to assist students getting knowledge of the English language. Proper teaching is the need of time. LAC Strong once proclaimed 'For us who speaks English, English is everything..English has the richest treasure of literature. Hence in this world of globalization, we cannot survive without English. It has become as an indispensable language. It is the demand of the age that everybody should communicate in English. English as we know that is not only the language for moulding one's character and personality, but also for developing aesthetic sense for cultivating creative and critical thinking, or for getting civilized. It is also described ' as a pipeline for the stream of knowledge in all branches of learning'.

Importance of English Language would be clearly understood with the thoughts of great personalities as follows :

- 1) To quote Leonard Bloom, field is performed by the activity language without it a human society would be uncommunicable. Language is the flesh and blood of our culture. Language is the means of social control.





- 2) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad said that soon after independence he look over the education portfolio in the interim government and hinted at a press conference, the new policy of government. He further said that one hundred and fifty years of intimate contact has made English integral part of our education system and this cannot be changed without injury to the cause of education in India.
- 3) M.K. Gandhi said 'A knowledge of English language is necessary for imbibing ideas of liberty an developing accuracy of thoughts.'
- 4) C Rajgoplachari, the first governor general of independent India says that 'we in our anger against British people should not throw away the baby (English language) with the bath water.'

Conclusion :

Above all, English occupies dignified but delicate position in India. English has enjoyed and still enjoys a unique place. It is still used as the official language of our country i.e. the language of administration. Of judiciary and legislature, of inter state and international communication and of trade and commerce. It works as a link language in India and between India and foreign countries. It helps in national integration, communication between the state government and the government of the union. As a link language it connects India with foreign countries. In the past the great Indian philosophers like Swami Vivekananda glorified Indian's name in distant countries like America and Canada only due to his mastery over the English language. The study of English has brought us within the orbit of the modern scientific civilization of the day. In this way the importance of learning English language is necessary for a developing country like India.

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