



Mains Practice Question

Q. “Earn while you learn a scheme needs to be strengthened to make vocational education and skill training meaningful.” Comment. (150 Words)

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Approach

- First Introduce the earn while you learn, scheme.
- Comment on the important aspects of the scheme and how it is facilitating and strengthening vocational education and skill training.
- Give a way forward or conclusion.

Introduction

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.” ‘Earn while you learn’ scheme provides opportunities to the students to earn while they are learning through part-time jobs. It is a great combination of working & learning and is usually called vocational education.

Body

The Ministry of Tourism runs a Scheme titled ‘Earn While You Learn’ with a view to inculcate appropriate tourism travel traits and knowledge amongst trainees to enable them to work as ‘student volunteers’.

- **Features/Benefits of the scheme:**
 - Provides opportunity to students to earn some extra pocket money during college days.
 - Chance to get work experience and hands-on training while studying.
 - College drop-out rate due to financial issues will come down considerably. It will prepare the students to take up jobs in future and expose them to the outside world.
- **Need of the scheme to be strengthened:**
 - It is expected to facilitate the ease of doing business by providing a steady supply of skilled workforce to the industry and services.
 - It will lead to improvement in quality and market relevance of manpower.
 - It helps students to recognise and understand their choices and preferences and help them build their career.

Conclusion

More awareness about this kind of initiatives by the government should be generated. The success of this scheme will help India reap its demographic dividend to its fullest.

