



Mains Practice Question

Q. What does the following quotation mean to you in the present context?

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all”. – Aristotle (150 words)

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- According to Aristotle, educating human goes much beyond the cognitive aspect of learning. In order to ensure complete and holistic development, our education should be backed by values like empathy, compassion, rationality etc.
- Education is not just confined to a defined set of syllabus or knowledge of certain fields or having degrees and diplomas. A person can be highly versed with many subjects and still come up very short in integrity and character. A truly educated person is one who understands the purpose of creation. He works with intelligence for the benefit of everyone.
- Educating heart means imparting moral values which produce integrity, virtue, and character. It makes a person capable of decision making in tune with values, culture, morals, compassion, ethics and needs of society.
- True education, which comes with the educated heart and educated mind, helps us to get rid of our prejudices, superstitions, etc and to be a rational human being. It not only enables us to take in information but also helps in understanding its worth.
- Being educated is exposing oneself to several aspects of life.
- In the present context, where education is highly technical, competitive and textbook-oriented, education of the heart is mostly neglected. Education of the mind sharpens our academic performances while educating the heart helps us in holistic development. Thus, educating the heart is as necessary as educating the mind.

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