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**Essay: Is education primarily the result of influences other than school?**

Education is the knowledge and awareness which integrates into a man, activates its neurons associated with intelligence and assists in developing the thought process. Certainly, the primary source of education is the school which helps a man in exploring his abilities, developing a certain routine in his life and transforming him into a sensible being. But education is not only what is taught in school but gained through all the platforms of interaction which man come across in his lifetime. School and certain institutions have been designed which cater to the needs of an individual, explore his interests and develop those skills in him. The process of seeking education initiates with the cradle and ends till grave (Questions to be asked 2013).

Education is basically not just an outcome of all the influences rather a formulation of the combinatorial interactive network of influences and experiences. Many great people lives are evidence of it. William Shakespeare who is considered as the greatest writer in English and the world's greatest dramatist unbelievably dropped out of school at the age of 13 and there is no record of him attending the university. Greatness comes education which one can get from out of school as well. Thomas Edison who only went school for a few months and had a hearing problem is now regarded as a great inventor and businessman. Several other great thinkers of well-known in history dropped out of schools at early ages due to financial constraints or any other difficulties (Internet Shakespeare Editions 2011).

There are various kinds of the medium of seeking education other than schools. Internet nowadays has created huge ease in terms of gaining information. Knowledge is just a click away these days. A library is another great channel of knowledge seeking. It indicates that school is not a primary source of education rather what is obtained from schools is basically a derivation from these mentioned sources. The reality is that knowledge obtained from school is basic, lesser and screened one, while the bulk is in books and the internet. School education is much simplified, easy to comprehend and translate (Lippincott 2019).

Therefore education and awareness primarily come from real-life experiences. Schools these days have been focusing much on the extra and co-curricular activities for the sake of exploring the child's hidden potentials and talents. This is putting an effort for filling the gigantic gap in education but time is limited at schools and it cannot fully help children in seeking all the education. Therefore, it can be said that education at school is the secondary source of education, whereas, influences make up an individual's personality and experiences bring awareness of the real life, spending life, making decisions etc. An individual who has learnt mapping and GIS is of no use or cannot be ensured that he learnt it unless and until he utilizes that knowledge and practically implements it. This sort of opportunity is only provided in the real world and it is the correct way of seeking knowledge. Therefore, till the time he is lost or needs reaching to a new place, he will not bring GIS or map usage in his real life. Similarly, reading the book is a preliminary step of education and perceiving the writer's thoughts, comparing it with one's own thoughts and creating a new ideology is a whole actual and beneficial process in seeking education (The National Academies Press 2000).

Education is a continuous process of learning which person seeks from other people, their behaviours, through series of interactions throughout life, ups and downs in life, critical or emergency situations, hardships, blissful moments, mistakes, regrets and hopes. All of these elements are the steps towards creating a mature, intelligent and stable being. Few of the individuals even after seeking all these experiences still are uneducated. The reason of which is their unwillingness to learn and to explore. Thus, it can be deduced that influences in life makes an individual well-aware and educated.

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