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Incontrovertiblity of English in This Era

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ABSTRACT

English is the global language. It is the most popular language, Library Primary Language and official Language... it continues to be the Lingua Franca of the world. A person, who acquires a good English Language skill, travels around the world, gets good trades, provides better future and becomes more independent.

The impact of globalization on society and business has been truly changed the way because we communicate with people all over the world by using 'the English Language' as a waterway. English is must for global competitiveness. Its magnitude in global competition is irrefutable.

English has been playing a vital role in many sectors including medicine, engineering and education, which are most important arena where English is needed. The primary factor that makes us to learn English Language is, that it has international standard, in order to reach the International level we are in need of learning it. English is earth-shattering because that truly links the whole world together.

"Britania rules the waves", was written by James Thomson (19). It speaks of a time when Britain had colonies all over the world. It was said that the sun never set in the British Empire. Since Britain was ruling India, Australia, parts of china, Indonesia, islands, West America etc.

English was the language for business and job prospects in those days.

Today Britain is no more a colonial power but their cultural legacy remained in the countries they left and today English is the official language in many countries like America, India, South Africa, Australia etc.

Today international trade is must for any nation's survival. Technology transfer, goods movement and building of industries requires movement of people from one country to another country, English is the most suitable language for communication for immigrant job seekers. Leading companies conduct their business in English, particularly overseas business. Even in India big companies conduct business only in English. Companies from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, Bengal or any part of India, conduct their business in English only, because of international level "English" is the language of communication.

Without computer no business is possible today. Computer has become the keeper of records. So even for 'white collar jobs' computer knowledge is a must and without English knowledge computer knowledge is not possible today.

Performance of any job depends on correct communication. English today is the best and universally accepted language of communication. If you can speak and write good English and communicate in good English you can work anywhere in India and in any part of the world. Many young men and women of Indian origin work abroad all over the world and they are able to do so, because they have acquired not only job skills but also English language skills. English is the international language today.

For higher education in any branch of knowledge 'English' is the most suitable knowledge. You can learn any subject if you know how to read and write English. For example if you want to pursue studies in engineering higher studies you should have sound knowledge of English, because the subject books and text books are in English. If you want to study higher Mathematics, latest research papers are available only in English. Similar is the case of medicine, physics, chemistry etc., for Indian students particularly the knowledge of English is very helpful because books about Indian history, Indian culture and about the great religious of India are available in English only. Our Vedas and all other religious works have translations in English. So any students who wish to pursue higher studies in Indian history have to learn English, because authoritative works in this subject are available in English.

Imagine for a moment a world without Language. There will be no information, no exchange of views and no communication between people. There will only be signs and gestures and shouts as in the days of the cave dwellers. Man has made a quantum jump from his primitive handicaps and acquired the power of using Language with marvelous effect. The word 'Language' itself means speech. Speech is thus a unique possession of men and distinguishes him from animals.

"All languages are used for communication" said P.Gurry, "for expressing anything that we have attended to, for recording information, for thinking and for getting what we want and so on." (12) Language plays a great part in the mental, emotional and social development of a person.

The English Language has exercised a great influence over the past two centuries in shaping the political, social, economic, intellectual and cultural life of a country and is still serving as a dynamic instrument of social change.

English is today one of the foremost international Language

in the world. It provides easy access to the world's rich Literature, Science and Technology, radio And TV and an ever growing number of books, periodicals and newspaper. English has one of the richest Literatures in the world. It is being used for a variety of purposes. English has developed a vocabulary and idioms which can express the finest nuances of thought and feeling.

English has truly been nationalized and democratized away from the tiny land of its birth. It has promoted international understanding, increased cultural exchanges and job opportunities all over the world.

The English is a window which opens up the vast prospect of human achievement and beckons to new horizons beyond. The more effective our grasp of English in all its diversities of speech vocabulary, structure and meaning, the more we benefit individually. F.G. French said, "It is only through this Language we have distilled the essence of modern knowledge in all fields of human activity. Anyone who can read English can keep in touch with the whole world without leaving his own house."(50)

English is key language of social interaction. Although most

countries have their own language, English is the one that unities the entire world. Knowing English is most vital steps towards becoming a global citizen- a person who can live anwhere, thrive anywhere.

Learning a foreign language can be both challenging and rewarding. While it might take years to learn and perfect your English, the reasons mentioned above should act as a motivator. With them in mind make first step towards freedom and knowledge.

Tagore got noble prize because he wrote "Gitanjali" in English.

Dr. Sir. C.V. Raman's works are all in English. Great philosophical works of Dr.Radhakrishnan are also available in English.

Today, the need for English Language has become more crucial than ever before. Keep the doors and windows of your mind open for fresh winds to blow freely, as long as you are not blown off your feet.

"So learn English reach peak"

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