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## **QUESTION NO. 1:**

### **QUESTION:**

What is the importance of historical context un understanding a society?

### **ANSWER:**

#### **HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

*The Historical Context is a term in which the historical context refers to the culture, traditions, religions, economic and politic conditions that used to exist in a certain time period or place, in the historical events that help us understand and find what motivated the people to act or behave like they did in the past.*

#### **WHAT IS A SOCIETY?**

In the study of sociology, the term "Society" is referred to as a group of people, communities, populations with common culture, traditions, interactions, religion, territory etc. The organization of people who share common interest in and share a common social, cultural, economic backgrounds.

#### **IMPORTANT OF HISTORICAL CONTEXT IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF A SOCIETY:**

The important of the Historical context in the understanding of the society is very important for the people all around the world. Such as if a disease was broken out in a certain place and it spread worldwide and caused a lot of damage and killed millions of people because of it and all this happen in the history, so if the similar thing happen in the present and no one had written the historical context of that

disease from the past, then no one would know about its cause, origin, symptoms or treatment because there was no record of it.

## **1 THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC:**

In the year **1853** the Yellow Fever hit the New Orleans it is one of the important parts of the USA. The disease was so bad that within a few months the city residents were put to their death beds. The cause of this disease is from the bites of “**Mosquitoes**” which live in a damp humid climate.

## **2 INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC:**

The USA was hit with another disease the vicious strains of influenza in the year **1918**. This was a part of global pandemic and further it was commonly known as the “**The Spanish Flu**” because Spain was hit the hardest because of this disease and killed between **50 to 100 million** people worldwide and **650,000** in USA.

## **3 CORONA VIRUS EPIDEMIC:**

Now the Corona Virus epidemic that has put the whole world in a deep depression, it is originated from Wuhan, China and it is spread in various parts of China in a very short time and it's caused from bats, rats, birds, slogs, cats and other mammals, But in Human it can also be transmitted from one another through physical touch, it causes respiratory infections. As of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020, there are 2.91 Million cases of COVID-19 reported in more than 185 countries and 203,000 deaths while 828,000 people have recovered.

So, it was first discovered in 1930 when a disease of respiratory infection was detected in chickens. It was found that it was caused by infectious bronchitis virus (IBV). Then in 1931 Arthur Schalk & M.C Hawn discovered the same disease in chickens in North Dakota. The Human COVID-19 was discovered in 1960s in the UK & USA. The symptoms of this virus were fever, dry cough, tiredness, sore throat, diarrhea, nasal congestion etc.

White to avoid getting infected it was suggested to isolate yourself and stay clean, wash hands, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer do steam breathing etc. So, because of the Historical Context of this virus was written, it was easier for the present generation to identify the disease, where and what are its symptoms, its precaution, treatment and cure.

### **IMPORTANCE OF WRITTEN CONTEXT (HISTORICAL CONTEXT):**

It is important to close the gap between the reader and the authors, like to know and communicate in the events that are occurring and why it is occurring. The historical context provides the reader to go back in time, setting a stage for the tone of your piece of writing and creating and understanding of the society of that time. Historical context can change and inform the atmosphere of the reader and making them go back in time and observe the history, society, dress code or their way of speech that were used by the people of that era.

**END OF ANSWER**

## **QUESTION NO. 2:**

### **QUESTION:**

According to conflict approach of sociological perspective, which problems are people facing during this “Lockdown” situation?

### **ANSWER:**

#### **SOCIOLOGY:**

*“Sociology is the study of society, social relationships, interactions, cultures, traditions and the every day activity. It is a systematic study of the developed, interaction of the organized groups of Human beings.”*

### **PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PEOPLE DURING LOCKDOWN:**

As we know that there has been an out break of a very dangerous virus (COVID-19 Corona Virus). Due to which the whole World is at a very difficult situation because of the lockdown imposed to keep everyone save but this is creating a lot of problems. Factories, Industries, Farms, Educational Institutes, Companies, Trade and Export centers etc. are all shut down which is impacting the economy of the country. The Lockdown is imposed because apparently the virus spreads with physical interaction between people. Social Distancing is the treatment so far with no cure. Due to people staying home all the institutes and companies are shut down due to which people are facing the following problems;

## **1) DAILY WAGERS**

One of the first problem that rose up were the daily wagers who earn and spend on a daily basis so due to the lockdown their workplaces have been shut down due to which they have no money to fulfill basic needs of their families. Most of the daily wagers belong to poor families who hardly have any savings.

## **2) MONTHLY WAGERS**

The monthly wagers who mostly belong to middle-class families cannot go to their workplaces due to the lockdown. Some of them are being fired and some owners are being mean and selfish and not paying the employees while some companies falling down due to which a lot of the middle-class families are also affected. Some companies are still open and operating which is risking their employees and their families due to virus.

## **3) SMALL BUSINESSES**

Small business owners such as those who operate shops, farms, public transport etc. are also being affected because their supply is to the people and the people are locked in their houses which is affecting their businesses which for most of them is their single source of income. Their products are waiting to be purchased with no one to purchase.

## **4) DOCTORS**

Doctors who are on duty at Hospitals are following strict protocol for their safety and also safety of those interacting with them because they are in direct contact with the investees and are at the most risk. A lot of Doctors have lost their lives worldwide due to this virus. While at Hospitals, their families at home are also stresses because they are worried about their doctor family member.

## **5) PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL**

All those patients who are or were affected by other diseases and problems and are submitted in Hospitals are also at risk because of direct contact with Doctors and other investees.

## **6) GOOD IMPORTS**

Goods which are imported and are necessary for the people are not being imported due to the lockdown which is causing shortage of basic supplies. This might later on lead to a bigger problem affecting the economy because some countries wholly depend on imports and exports and their economies are based on trade.

## **7) RICH AND POOR**

Some very inconsiderable rich people are stocking basic needs at their houses such as Toilet papers, Hand sanitizers, Soaps, masks and other things for protection from this deadly virus due to which they are being out stocked in the market and making it difficult for the poor class who can't afford to buy stockings of basic needs.

## **8) GREEDY BUSINESSMEN**

Greedy Businessmen are taking this as an opportunity for max profit and are rising prices of items which are important for prevention and treatment of Corona Virus. They are making huge profits and overlooking their tyranny because of their greed.

## **9) EDUCATION**

One of the main problems due to the lockdown is the closing down of Educational Institutes which is a risky and dangerous for every country because

the educated are the ones who are going to lead the country in the future. Also, due to being locked down at home the students are hunted by stress and depression concerned about their careers and education. This may cause a delay in the education system of the whole world.

## **10) ECONOMY**

The last but not the least problem faced is the economy of the country. For a Developing country like Pakistan this lockdown has stopped all import and export which is has a negative impact on their economy. Most of the factories, industries and companies that make up the economy are shut down to stop the spread of the virus. Falling of economy of a country is very dangerous and risky. Import and Export with other countries is not being done due to the fear of the virus spreading through external and internal platforms.

**END OF ANSWER**

## QUESTION NO. 3:

### QUESTION:

Nowadays, social media is the most influential agent of socialization. Explain why?

### ANSWER:

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

*“It is a collective form of websites or applications which are used for communication, interaction, connection or collaboration from one person to another with the help of technology.”*

#### **SOCIOLOGY:**

*“Sociology is the study of society, social relationships, interactions, cultures, traditions and the everyday activity. It is a systematic study of the developed, interaction of the organized groups of Human beings.”*

#### **ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SOCIALIZATION:**

As we know that socialization is a way of transmitting the cultures, traditions and other important information to the young generation especially in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century. In the past few years, Social Media has played an important role in the socialization of the young generation to every age group and to many other information about the history, politics, cultures, traditions, economy, trade, trends, languages, sports, poetry, information on outer world, technology and a lot more.

## **SOURCES:**

Social Media is spread all over the world. It is spread through newspaper, books, novels, magazines, radio, video games, movies, television, smart phones, computer, laptops, tablets and many more advanced technologies.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA'S IMPORTANCE IN SOCIALIZATION:**

The following are the important points explaining the importance of Social Media in socialization;

### **1 NORTURING OF CHILDREN:**

Children cartoons and shows are a good way for young kids to be nurtured. They include poems, story books and children songs. These teach the children good manners and good habits such as showing them how to wash hands, brush teeth, brush their hair and teach them how and when to say thank you, sorry, salam and paying respects to elders.

### **2 HISTORY FOR YOUNG GENERATION:**

History of a country is important for every country and it is valued highly. The young generation has access to a lot of history on Social Media which helps them understand the value and morals of their nation and respect them.

### **3 FREELANCING JOBS:**

Before the age of Social Media and Internet, freelancing jobs used to be posted in newspapers but with the advancement of time freelancing jobs have now their own websites which connects clients who wants their job done to freelancer who are willing to get it done for them.

## **4 CONNECTIVITY:**

Social Media has connected people from different corners of the world keeping them in touch with their friends, families and relatives. The communication gap that existed between nations in different parts of the world has been closed by Social Media.

## **5 EDUCATION:**

Education is important for the future of any nation so everyone is concentrating on Education. Social Media plays an important role in Education in connecting students, teachers, colleges and universities from different parts of the world helping them gain the knowledge they seek. Learning of courses and tutorials are also a big help such as cooking recipes of foods and tutorials of creating or crafting something.

## **6 FASHION INDUSTRIES:**

Fashion Traditions and Customs are well displayed on Social Media reaching the whole world which people understand the fashion and customs of other countries. A lot of big fashion industries are operating online because online they can reach the whole world. Social Media is a good platform for selling products easily and to the whole world.

## **7 AWARENESS:**

Awareness is one of the best advantages of Social media. Any kind of danger alert or the news of a virus spread can easily reach the world very easily through Social media which solves a lot of problems. Ways of prevention and avoiding dangers can be easily conveyed through Social Media. Awareness to parts of the world where people can't reach fast is also possible with the help of Social media.

## **8 SOCIAL NETWORKS:**

Some of the most popular sources of interaction are the Social networking apps and websites such as;

- Facebook
- YouTube
- Twitter
- WhatsApp
- Snapchat
- Instagram
- Pinterest

With the help of the advance systems used by these apps and websites it is made easier to text, call, video call, share media such as images and videos. Games and various puzzles and quizzes can also be played on these networks.

## **9 ENTERTAINMENT:**

Social Media and Media is one of the main sources of entertainment for everyone the children, the young, the adults and even the aged people. T.V Shows, Movies, Games, Cartoons, History Shows and every other kind of shows are a source of entertainment.

## **10 MARKETING:**

The world of marketing has been powered up with Social Media. Social Media plays an important role in marketing and had increased the rate of marketing worldwide. Social Media used ad systems which help companies market their products and services and the best thing is those ads reach the people who are looking for such products and services with the help of data mechanics.

**END OF ANSWER**