



Scope of Social Sciences and Its Coorelation with Other Subject

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INTRODUCTION

Social studies is an innovative concept with an eclectic field involving the arts, sciences, technology and social sciences. To be a successful teacher, one needs to orient oneself towards seeing social studies as man in his environment concerned with the problem of human survival irrespective of the inevitable changing life situations and as a way of life which gives man citizenship education. The philosophy behind this subject was to make it help solve the numerous problems associated with nation building in Nigeria. Today, there are burning global issues which social studies should dwell on e.g. information and Communication Technology, AIDS/HIV education, women empowerment, peace education, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), child abuse and human trafficking. It is recommended that curriculum planning be given adequate funding to plan educational programmes that centre on child labour, HIV/AIDS and human trafficking. The social science disciplines are branches of knowledge taught and researched at the college or university level. Social science disciplines are defined and recognized by the academic journals in which research is published, and the learned social science societies and academic departments or faculties to which their practitioners belong. Social science fields of study usually have several sub-disciplines or branches, and the distinguishing lines between these are often both arbitrary and ambiguous. Most universities offer degrees in social science field. The Bachelor of Social Science is a degree targeted at the social sciences in particular. It is often more flexible and in-depth than other degrees that include social science subjects. In the United States, a university may offer a student who studies a social sciences field a Bachelor of Arts degree, particularly if the field is within one of the traditional liberal arts such as history, or a BSc: Bachelor of Science degree such as those given by the London School of Economics, as the social sciences constitute one of the two main branches of science (the other being the natural sciences). In addition, some institutions have degrees for a particular social science, such as the Bachelor of Economics degree, though such specialized degrees are relatively rare in the United States.

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SKILL SET

If students want to opt for higher education in Arts and Humanities, it is imperative for them have certain skills so that they can become the best in their chosen subject. In fact, the learning



difficulties and catchy quotients in school persuade students' interest. One has to dwell for and understand his interests and difficulties, further relate them to disciplines and career. Here underneath are few skills needed to flourish in humanities and social sciences professions.

- English Communication Skills (Written and Verbal Proficiency over language)
- Skills of Presentation
- Mathematical Abilities
- Interpersonal Skills
- Inquisitive Openness for the New
- Mental Abilities
- Research Abilities
- Decision Making Skills

Alongside identifying the area of interest, nurturing the same with needed skills prepares the students for better future. Skills mark the difference of wavered and profession. As in arts and humanities, interaction and observation form a good portion of the job. Ability to understand, explain and presenting occupies the most of it. One needs to acquire command over language, develop interpersonal skills of engaging with others and quick grasp of the situations. Leading professions of CA, Management, Economics and others need good mathematical abilities too. Independent thinking, research ability, decision making and problem solving, makes the career grow smoother.

STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR BUILDING A BETTER CAREER

To build a good career with Social Sciences and Humanities, a well chosen strategy at every level is needed for students to make a better career. And the first step of any career building is indentifying the interest of the student. With the limited and surface knowledge of disciplines, how does one know the self interest in arts or humanities? The answers lie in testing the aptitudes. For instance, Student Global Aptitude Index (SGAI) initiated by CBSE is aimed at empowering an adolescent with "self-knowledge" in terms of the aptitude in combination with personality, interest etc. A simple paper and pencil test of 1.5 hours duration, with no right or wrong answers, syllabus, negative marking, pass or fail and special preparation, The SGAI need mental preparedness and sincere responses as the pre- requisites for this test. SGAI scores may depend upon child's environmental stimulus and motivation level. Similar aptitude based testing can help the kids identify their interest subjects. Besides the formal testing, it is easy to identify the interests of the kids through the skills they exhibit. For instances, Some other children are born with intrinsic genius in Painting, dance, theatre and other performing and fine arts which also can make for bright and alternative artistic careers. All it needs is the identification and nurturing of these spouting talents of children at the right time bur the parents and elders. Some other kids have stunning speed of calculations about all exemplary cases, but least interested with sciences. For, it would indicate their competency in



non-science and management realms. Similarly, a lot of arts streams demand good mathematical abilities like in CA, CS, Econometrics, Business Studies and etc.

Academics again are not all about reading and reproducing the same. Narration and writing is unique skill of a few. May or may not be good at the core subjects, there are gifted children with exceptional skills of ideation, narration and writing, which they acquire through their love for language. For the students aspiring to develop careers in social sciences and humanities, it is crucial to give equal importance to the languages, as communication skills play a lot of role at every step of their careers. Hence, if the child is less interested in sciences and more interested in the topics that dealt by social sciences, it would be better for parents to identify right Arts discipline for them and chart a perfect strategy for their progress.

STRATEGY AFTER TENTH AND INTER

Class X is the first prominent step in anyone's academic life. The young minds at school have less exposure and any courses other than curriculum seem new, yet strange. They are asked to make a choice of combination for their further future, which mostly is based on elderly guidance. It's not surprising that many of the students want to become either doctor or engineer. But what is crucial is to know the capability and interest of the child. Unlike the past, the combinations of optional courses at the intermediate and plus two levels has increased today. Commerce, Economics, Accounts, Statistics, Civics, Business Studies, History, Civics, Psychology, Public Administration, Logic, Sociology, Geography and Geology along with the languages and other papers are offered for the students after tenth standard. Boards like CBSE and ICSE are facilitating interdisciplinary learning at +2 level by offering subjects like Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Business Studies subjects as optionals. The MEC (Mathematics, Economics and Commerce) group offered by the Board of Intermediate is one such programme. If students want to plan for career in Arts, it is important for them to have to select the subject of their interest after the Intermediate or +2 and join a institution of repute. They can either choose professional programmes like Integrated MBA, LL.B., CA, CS, CWA or they have to join an undergraduate degree with Arts subjects such as English Literature, Economics, Political Sciences, Sociology or Journalism and Mass Communications.

GRADUATION WITH ARTS AND HUMANITIES SUBJECTS

Graduation in arts and humanities today has overwhelming options for the students. Subjects like Marketing, Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Literature, Communication Studies and Foreign Languages are offering new opportunities to the youngsters.

In order to secure a bright career in Arts and Humanities, one has to plan properly as to their choice of subjects, college and possessing add-on or additional qualifications such as internships and additional degrees. Here are some tips that help in such planning:



- Choosing the apt subjects according to one's interest is one of the first crucial steps of this process. One should examine different subjects and subject combinations. Taking a preliminary survey of these subjects would help to decide which call to take. Taking to the working professionals, current students and contacting coaching centres would give an idea as to which programme to choose. For example, those who want to get into corporate sector can look at the courses such as LL.B. Integrated MBA, CA, CWA and CS.
- In Arts education, institution of higher studies also has vital importance. Right college/university place provides good teachers, right company, advanced courses, better exposure and finally bright career prospects. For example studying law degree in National Law Schools is quite different from doing it from other colleges and universities.
- One has to be keen on the three year course structure and try knowing what would he or she be learning and how would it help him in future. The programme or course combination is equally crucial for making a better career.
- Doing Add on courses and packages related to the streams you chose would raise competency. Tally and packages of e-Commerce for B.Com. graduates is one such example. Those who are LL.B. could do internship with different legal firms, or do diploma in specialty law areas such as patent law or cyber law. Those who are in English Literature could try to do summer internship with media and publishing houses.

Here is an example as how a student who wants to do his graduation in economics after his + 2 can proceed. He has to choose a good college or university that BA, B.Sc. or Integrated MA with Economics as major. He shall prepare for entrance exam of the respective institution, if it has one. If a student from Hyderabad aspires the same, Integrated Masters in Economics from University of Hyderabad, or BA (Economics) for Nizam College, or BA (Economics) for Badruka College would be advisable, which gives a better placement option in case one wants work after the course and also the higher education possibilities in case one wants to continue his or her studies. It is all advisable for them to do one or two internships during summers with companies which would bring experience as well as weightage to the CV. Training in HPSS, MS Access, and other computer based packages would equip him well and keep head of others. He could also consider doing some add-on courses from IGNOU or any other university in distance mode.

Students need to approach in similar methods for other courses. A graduation in Linguistics from institutes like English and Foreign Language University (EFLU) or University of Hyderabad (UoH) would be another career example for aspiring graduates in the field which has better professional as well as higher education options. Besides, curriculums of these institutes introduce students to Syntax and other language programming courses which keep students ahead of their competitors. A whole set of entrance test based programmes are available for the students at plus two level. For a career in Law, one can undertake Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). CLAT is an all India entrance examination conducted on rotation by 14 National Law Universities (NLUs) for admissions to their under-graduate and post-graduate degree programmes (LL.B & LL.M). Common Proficiency Test (CPT) is conducted for the aspirants of



CA. University of Hyderabad (UoH) conducts written test and interview based admissions to its five years Integrated Masters Programme in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, History, Anthropology, Language Science, Hindi, Telugu and Urdu for the students after plus two. IIT Madras conducts Humanities and Social Sciences Entrance Examination for admissions to its five years Integrated Masters Programme in Literature, Economics and Developmental studies. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi University (DU), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), English and Foreign Language University (EFLU) and many more leading academic centers are offering career driven programmes for undergraduates in Arts and Humanities.

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