Indiscipline Among Students Essay – 800 Words

The indiscipline among the students is on the increase. This is, in fact, come out by daily happenings in schools and colleges. The newspapers are full of reports of unrest and indiscipline among students. It has become one of the serious problems being faced by the country. Students go on strikes, they resort to copying and cheating in the examination, insult their teachers and principals. They tear away pages from the library books or pictures from the magazines, write dirty things on walls etc. and indulge in many other kinds of mischief. They clash with the police, throw stones and brickbats and practice violence at them at any pretext.
This widespread unrest and indiscipline among the students reflect the prevailing indiscipline, lawlessness, and frustration in the society. The students alone are not to be blamed. There is too much political interference in educational institutions. The students are misled and misused by various political parties to serve their selfish ends. The postings, appointments, transfers etc. in schools, colleges and universities are made not on merits but other considerations. Corruption and favoritism are rampant in these institutions.

The teachers themselves are corrupt. They are greedy and run after illegal means of making quick money. They do not inspire confidence, hope and honesty among students. They indulge in dirty politics and can stoop to any depth to have money. Therefore, there is a crisis of character. Students have no role models to follow. Students find themselves groping about in the dark. The cable and TV boom and influence of western ideas and culture have further worsened the situation. The rapid disintegration of families has also contributed to the increasing indiscipline among students. There is neither character nor values, nor morals in the society. Students imitate their parents, teachers, leaders and elders and behave accordingly.

The education imparted in schools and colleges is totally irrelevant. It is not job-oriented. Students fail to get suitable and early employment after finishing their education and training. There are favoritism and nepotism in employment. One has to pay a huge amount of money as a bribe to secure even a modest job. Students with resources and recommendations get all the good jobs. Reservation of jobs for certain categories of students has further worsened the situation. The merit has been marginalized.

Therefore, students feel cheated, frustrated and disillusioned. When without any hope or employment, they become quite restless and indulge in all sorts of indiscipline. There is no proper guidance, advice etc., in regard to the selection of courses of studies and careers. As a result of all this, much of their energy, time and resources go waste and they become victims of indecision. This leads to more frustration, hopelessness, and aimlessness.

The classes are overcrowded. There is no personal contact between teachers and students. There is too much pressure on students as they are always score excellent
grades. The system of examination is also very-defective. It encourages copying, rote learning, and reliance on cheap market notes.

A month or so before the examination, the students engage themselves in studies. For the rest of the year they are idle. There are no extra-curricular activities worth their names. Their energies are not properly utilised, and therefore they find expression in violence, unrest and indiscipline. It has been rightly observed that an empty mind is a devil’s workshop. An ideal hand is still worse.

The problem is grave but it is not impossible to check it. It is the duty of the leaders, educationists and teachers to address the problem immediately. There should be no political interference in the running of colleges etc. The entire education system should be overhauled and made job-oriented. It should be linked with industry. The teachers should be given better salaries and allowances. They should accountable and responsible for the results and conduct of the students under them. There should be no college or school without proper facilities for games and sports. More emphasis should be laid on character-building, moral education and extra-curricular activities. Growing indiscipline and unrest among students is a great danger to our society and must be checked with the cooperation of all. The union elections in colleges and universities should not be allowed to be fought on political lines. They must function only as educational associations. The classes and their sections should not be crowded. Only the teachers, with merits and good characters be appointed in the colleges and schools. The privatization of educational institutions should also be encouraged. More money should be spent on education, particularly on primary education. There should be liberal and more scholarships for needy and meritorious students.

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Man has been created in the best image. He is an intelligent being and can choose between right and wrong. There is always an inner tug-of-war between the upper (good) and the lower (bad) selves within him. The upper self prompts to follow path of goodness; the lower, evil. The evil is path of indiscipline.
Indiscipline has become a common disease among the students. The undesirable trend increases as they go from the lower to higher stage of education. Indiscipline has become very rampant. Even the students having self respect, have started saying: ‘To me this uncharted freedom tires’. It is an infectious disease. It spreads soon. The whole social fabric is spoiled and polluted with indiscipline. Old people have been heard saying: ‘Parents used to tell the teachers-‘flesh is yours and the bones are mine’. The students were under full control of their teachers.

They respected them and feared them. Fear is the best teacher. Corporal punishment was a common practice at schools to reform the students. People believed in: Spare the rod and spoil the child’. Now, the parents encourage young ones and enjoy the fun. They nick-name and insult the teachers. The growing indiscipline among the students has worried the government, the social workers and the teachers. Some people think we are now free nation; we can do what we like. It is a mistaken idea. Freedom and licentiousness are two different things. Freedom demands discipline; licentiousness encourages indiscipline and lawlessness. Human behavior is always governed with social, government and moral laws. Absence of respect for these laws or limits results in chaos, disorder and other problems. The student community has failed to submit and obey these laws. The unhealthy results are before us all.

There are various socio-economic, political and moral reasons for the pitiable state of things. The Socio-economic reasons are

1. absence of partential control,
2. T.V & VCR shows,
3. import of western ideas,
4. unemployment,
5. unequal distribution of wealth,
6. social injustice,
7. quota system

Children coming from lower and middle classes are generally well behaved obedient and respectful. It is the upper class, the officials’ wards, children of political pundits, upstarts and earners of black money. They set the bad trends. Money and influence can purchase or set aside the laws. Dishonest earnings, in majority of cases, have resulted in
alround moral degradation. Dishonest earning is the root cause of the public corruption and indiscipline. Politically students are pampered by the partymen. The students belonging to the ruling faction, are above all laws. They are, generally, most misbehaved and indisciplined.

It is a practical experience. They defy the teachers and disregard and dictate the authorities. Regional rivalry among the students has added fuel to the fire. Schools, Colleges, University, Board Offices and Examinations all come under the fire.

The main cause is moral degradation. Religion teaches fear for God and justice – reward and punishment, tolerance, respect and fair play. Religion has been relegated to second place in our lives. The result is increase in social evils including indiscipline. The germs of indiscipline have not yet penetrated women institutions. But one fish pollutes the whole water. The political factor is the fish.