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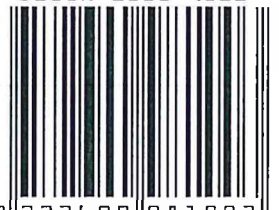
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THE INTERCONNECTION OF KNOWLEDGE AND ETIQUETTE: A FOUNDATION FOR ETHICAL LEARNING IN SOCIETY

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Both knowledge and etiquette are basic pillars that create a moral and educated society. While knowledge is information acquired by experience and learning, etiquette is sometimes connected with morality, ethics, and decent behaviour. When well-integrated, these two components shape individuals with both knowledge and strong ethical values. Without manners, information cannot be used in daily life as efficiently as it may be and may even be abused in unethical ways.

The Importance of Etiquette in Learning

Since ancient times, the learning process has benefited much from good behaviour. Imam Al-Ghazali has highlighted that students have to display suitable behaviour towards teachers, knowledge, and peers if they were to earn blessings in education (Rahman, 2023). Values, such as respecting teachers, maintaining discipline in studies, and being humble in acquiring knowledge, remain relevant in the modern context.

Ahmad and Hassan's (2021) research on pupils who practise ethics in classroom shows that they are more likely to succeed and gain respect within society. Besides, academic ethics also cover avoiding plagiarism, honouring others' ideas, and applying knowledge for group good. This is why higher education institutions base their operations on these values to generate graduates who shine in morals and responsibility, as well as in academics.

The Role of Etiquette in Effective Knowledge Application

For knowledge to be effectively exercised in daily life, good etiquette is essential. Individuals who possess intelligence but lack etiquette are more likely to misuse their knowledge unethically, potentially harming society. For instance, a professional in the field of technology who lacks ethical responsibility may exploit his or her programming skills to develop malicious software, such as malware or online fraud schemes. Thus, it is evident that strong ethical values guide individuals to adhere to moral principles and use their knowledge for the greater good (Rahman & Ismail, 2022).

The Balance of Etiquette and Knowledge in Leadership Development

Someone who strikes a mix of knowledge and manners will grow to be a competent and moral leader. A great leader not only excels academically but also maintains strong moral principles and moral behaviour by way of action. In the meantime, good moral upbringing of students increases their chances of being conscientious future leaders who help to improve society (Ibrahim & Salleh, 2024). Thus, the educational system and social organisations have to stress the harmony between knowledge and behaviour if we are to raise a generation that is both intelligent and moral.

The Role of Educational Institutions in Instilling Knowledge and Etiquette

Educational institutions play a vital role in ensuring that students achieve a balance between etiquette and knowledge. Combining moral and intellectual instructions in a curriculum will help to produce well-rounded people. Islamic education stresses, for example, the need to use knowledge properly to help society. Ibrahim et al. (2023) have conducted research showing that schools emphasising etiquette in their curricula effectively generate pupils who are more responsible and competent leaders. This is clear in educational initiatives, including frequently used values in modern curriculum, such as courtesy, mutual respect, and social responsibility.

Challenges in Maintaining a Balance Between Etiquette and Knowledge

It is crucial to consider the negative impact of technology and social media, which can lead to the neglect of etiquette in education. This is because the overuse of social media may lower academic discipline, as well as affecting polite contacts between teachers and students. Furthermore, great academic pressure may also lead the students to ignore their ethical principles and concentrate just on academic performance (Hassan, 2025). Under such circumstances, pupils' mutual respect may be undermined, and a bad competitive culture will be developed. Thus, measures should be taken to guarantee that the educational system promotes excellent

behaviour and character development in addition to securing intellectual excellence. In essence, knowledge and good behaviour are interdependent elements influencing people and society. Learning with good manners not only makes one more moral but also helps to ensure the efficient and significant spread of knowledge. Active promotion of the value of etiquette in education is essential to preserve this equilibrium and guarantee that next generations are not only intelligent but also moral. Hence, educational institutions must play an active role in this. This will help to keep the value of manners in the search for information valued and followed.

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