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Unit 1(Philosophy and Education)

Please note :

1.We have already covered the topics till Nature
of Philosophy.

2.For any doubt clarification/query , you can whatsapp
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Main Functions of Philosophy

At first let us try to understand the functions of philosophy in brief:

1. **To discover the ultimate truth from different truths of life:**
   Philosophy always wants to find out the reality of human life. That's why the main function of philosophy is to get the real truth from different truths in life.

2. **To determine values, ideals and principles of life:**
   To spend a healthy and sound life values and ideals are very much important. Therefore the function of philosophy is to identify values, ideals and principles of human life.

3. To have meaningful life works which are directed in the right direction:

Philosophy makes our life works more meaningful through which we can get the right direction to our life.

4. To construct attitude and tendencies towards life:

Development of attitude and tendencies are very significant to spend a sound life. Therefore another function of philosophy is to construct attitude and tendencies towards human life

5. To provide motivation for free thinking:

It is very important to understand that free thinking leads us to be open minded and have greater understanding of any topic which is motivated by philosophy.

6. To coordinate differences and diversities of life:
We know that India is a diverse country. We have people of different cultures and so there will be differences of opinions. But if we know how to coordinate those differences and try to unify our thoughts we would have a greater outcome , which is helped by understanding philosophy.

7. To assist an individual in facing the problems of life:
Generally in our life we have to face many problems, but overcoming those problems is mainly helped by philosophy.

8. To make life more powerful:
 As we already studied that philosophy helps us to overcome our problems in life , make our life more meaningful and to understand the real truth from different truths of life, thus, philosophy makes our life more powerful .

IMPORTANCE OF PHILOSOPHY

Following are the points regarding importance of philosophy:

1.Philosophy helps us to be reasonable:
*By having an understanding of good argumentation, formal and informal logic and reading philosophical arguments helps us to be more reasonable which is the essence of philosophy and taught in specializations of **logic (good argumentation)** and **epistemology(the study of knowledge)** .*

2.Helps us to be moral
***Ethics or Moral Philosophy** is the reasonable understanding of morality which is helped by studying moral education which enables us to learn about psychological factors that helps to motivate people to be moral.*

3.Helps our life to be more enjoyable and lead us to great achievements:

   Gathering knowledge through philosophy is enjoyable and it is the greatest human achievement because it helps us to reason well about complicated issues. Reflection of greatness of a civilization is evident by the philosophy about their history and cultures**.**

4.Philosphical life is the better kind of life:

   Philosophy offers the greatest kind of enlightenment and thus it helps us to correct our own mistakes and thus helps us to lead a healthy good life.

5.Helps us to identify deception:

   Philosophy helps us to differentiate between good reasoning and bad reasoning which helps us to identify and avoid deception.

6. Helps us to understand the history of thought:

It helps us to understand many ideas of history which cannot be easily found by reading history books. This helps us to progress and attain wonders of science and technology.

7. Philosophy can help to make the world a better place:

Philosophy can help to modify the behavior of the people which helps to improve our culture. This helps us to create a better world to live in.

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