

Of Disadvantage

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Abstract

A student of science is strong in mathematics. He may be weak in literature. Similarly, a student of literature may be weak in mathematics. Now he who is strong in both the subjects is the best. Conversely, he who is weak in the both the subjects is the worst. The former enjoys advantage and the latter one faces disadvantage throughout life.

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Introduction

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So, it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

Article

Disadvantage is an unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of success or effectiveness. For example: A major disadvantage is the limited nature of the data.

It is to put in an unfavourable position in relation to someone or something else. For example: The pension scheme tends to disadvantage women.

It is a condition or situation that causes problems, especially one that causes something or someone to be less successful than other things or people. For example: One disadvantage of living in the town is the lack of safe places for children to play. We need to consider whether the disadvantages of the plan outweigh the

advantages.

It is loss or damage especially to reputation, credit, or finances. It implies detriment. For example: The deal worked to their disadvantage.

It is an unfavourable, inferior, or prejudicial condition. For example: we were at a disadvantage.

It is a quality or circumstance that makes achievement unusually difficult. It means handicap. For example: His lack of formal schooling was a serious disadvantage.

It is absence or deprivation of advantage or equality.

It is injury to interest, reputation, credit, profit, etc. It implies loss. For example: Your behaviour is a disadvantage to your family's good name.

Disadvantage is omnipresent. Man faces it from cradle to coffin in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well. Everybody wants to avoid it. But none can escape from it. It is so vigilant.

Rate of success is reduced due to disadvantage. A timid person does not fight to remove disadvantage. He leaves the battle field without fighting. In contrast a true courageous person fights till the last drop of blood. He wins. He may die but with honour. He knows cowards die many times before death. But he must die only once. He must welcome death with courage. He knows courage is destiny.

Disadvantage causes problem. One cannot realise objective due to hindrance. A wise does not solve problem, rather he tries to remove disadvantage. The learned knows that one problem will

be replaced by another problem. If the cause of disadvantage is removed then no further problem will arise. As such the proverb goes, "Prevention is better than cure". It is effective more to remove the contaminated water rather than treating the patients.

Someone faces loss due to miscalculation. Loss is serious in nature. Someone can make up. Someone cannot make up at all. The main disadvantage of loss is that it causes serious frustration. It reduces the stamina. The victim becomes afraid. He suffers from phobia lest any new endeavour culminates into loss. Sometimes such a timid character commits suicide. He highlights disadvantage. Those who commit suicide are well advised that life has its sweet side too. Life also offers advantages.

Damage to status is a disadvantage towards promotion. One has to fight much to regain his lost status. Someone becomes successful. Someone fails.

Lack of knowledge or lack of expertise is detrimental towards advancement. A lay man faces this as disadvantage. He cannot prosper until or unless he is enlightened properly.

Inferior quality of product does not get good turn over. As such inferiority is a serious disadvantage of any person or any product. Inferior is cheap. But cheap has three disadvantages. Firstly, it lacks in quality. Secondly, it does not serve the purpose properly. Thirdly, it does not last long.

Difficulties are alias and akin to disadvantage. Huge knowledge appears as Himalayan difficulties to a fool. Through sincere devotion a novice becomes learned. He becomes giant of knowledge thereby removes difficulties just like the dew drops disappear with the rise of the sun. Here light removes darkness.

Handicap may be both mental and physical. It is a live disadvantage. Physical disadvantage causes problem. The person may become partial dependent. But mental disadvantage renders a person fully dependent on the mercy of others. If the handicapped is a girl then she becomes the prey of sexual abuse in absence of her parents.

Absence of the captain pushes the team into severe disadvantage. The players cannot do practice properly. They cannot achieve expertise. Only an expert player can win the game.

Deprivation renders someone weak economically, socially and culturally i.e., in all respect. With this poor track record, one cannot prosper properly. Mass deprivation produces much backward population. If the human resource lacks in quality it is a headache of the society thereby national at large. Such unskilled workers do not get any job. The paradox is that there is no scarcity of job but scarcity of experts. This is the severe disadvantage of the jet age.

Injury makes a person inactive either temporarily or permanently. Physical or mental injury throws a person into the uncertain future.

With physical injury a person somehow tackle the livelihood but with mental injury death is the only inevitable ultimatum.

Biased person is like hard nut to crack. Such a person is quite difficult to convince. He is the embodiment of disadvantage. He is the epitome of the universal disadvantage.

To a fool this creation appears as disadvantage. A wise can conquer any disadvantage at ease. He can convert any disadvantage into advantage through his infinite wisdom. That's why he is great. Here lies his greatness.

Disadvantage is quite democratic in its nature and behaviour. To it rich or poor, high birth or low birth, educated or uneducated, bourgeois or proletariat, tyrant or innocent i.e., people from all walks of life are equal and at par. It restricts all. It freezes movement. Thus, it sizes everybody with its immense power.

To a studious student examination is not a problem at all. To an inattentive student examination is a fearful event. Examination throws him always into disadvantage.

Crisis means disadvantage. A shrewd politician can convert a crisis into an opportunity which is alias and akin to advantage. He waits for problem. He earns from unrest situation of the society. Profit is his single agenda. He achieves it. He welcomes disadvantage. He encashes it. For this act talent is required. It demands stamina. A shrewd politician possesses both these qualities. It is quite rare. It is an art. All is not artist. All cannot be artist. All are not destined to be artist. This answers why successful politicians are numbered.

Disadvantage does not or may not affect all equally. What is disadvantage to someone may not be so to someone else, rather it may be advantage instead. This situation paves the way of success of the fortunate person.

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Disadvantage is normal. Advantage is abnormal. Life is not a bed of roses. It means life is full of disadvantages i.e., unfavourable events. Man, fights against disadvantage to render it advantage i.e., favourable. All are not equally blessed. All are not of identical merit. As such all cannot do it equally. Thus, success history of all is not equally glorious. Only a judicious and sincere person can do it. It is a difficult task since thinking is alias and akin to physical pain. Very few persons can bear that pain. This answers why successful persons are numbered.

One should not be anxious facing any disadvantage. Anxiety cannot save, rather bold step can. A wise knows it. A fool knows it

not. A fool closes its eyes and thinks that the disadvantage has been disappeared. It tries to avoid the disadvantage in that foolish way. Since the unfavourable situation has not been tackled in time it grows up abruptly rendering the situation quite beyond control.

An intelligent person faces disadvantage and overcomes it. As such disadvantage should not control someone rather someone should direct and dictate the disadvantage. It is a difficult task. Only an expert can do it.

Disadvantage may be known or unknown. Solution of known problem is known. But unknown or unprecedented problem bewilders someone for its unknown harm. Since it is unavoidable by any means a judicious person faces it boldly. Regular facing, with boldness, offers someone unique expertise that enables the bold soul to overcome any problem at ease as is faced with.

Everybody faces disadvantage from cradle to coffin. Someone can conquer it and be happy. He is lucky. Someone cannot and be unhappy. He is unlucky. Always overcome is not possible. Similarly, always failure may not occur. Sometimes it may happen that an un-

fortunate person cannot overcome the disadvantages as are faced with throughout his life. He dies unpaid. He dies unfed. He dies unwept. He dies unsung. He dies unknown as well like nameless thousands who built the pyramids.

Yet an optimist argues that whenever a person tries for something there are two possibilities either he may fail or he may fail to fail. An ambitious person should simply try for the latter one.

Conclusion

Disadvantage is like a phobia. A weak person always experiences it like hallucination. It is a mental disease. To conquer it strong determination is a must. A wise knows it. The learned conquers. It is his advantage. A fool knows it not. It cannot conquer. It is its disadvantage. As such misfortune dogs it wherever it goes. It suffers till it breathes its last. This is the outcome of disadvantage.

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