



Psychology PYQ-2024 / Model Answer.

Q. Evaluate the current status of career counselling in India. 10 marks.

Model Answer Hint:

- More than 80% students who score well in the secondary examination aspire to be ITian, or doctors.
- More than 40% UPSC aspirants are from engineering and science background.

The above statistics show the default approach of Indian students towards career.

Irrespective of their aptitude and interest, most students ^{get} pushed to engineering, medical or upsc related field due to

- I) Social Learning:- imitation of successful relatives or neighbours
- II) Parental pressure:- job insecurity in other field social prestige associated.
- III) Employability:- Better probability to get jobs.
- IV) Attitude:- People do not see it as essential.

- Very few people look for career counselling to take informed decision about their careers.

Some parents from elite class, who have connection to the western trend, however, look for such counselling service for their children. The schools employ some counsellors but their numbers are

too limited. Moreover, there are shortage of
trained professionals who could administer
psychometric tests of aptitude and interest.
In the rural areas, the availability of such
professionals is negligible.

* South India has better availability than north India.
Online counselling: The digital revolution in India
has opened up new avenues for career-counselling
but there exists credibility issue in the absence of
a regulating authority.

Despite all these, the career counselling service
should be promoted in India as we, being a
developing country, cannot afford wastage of
human and financial resources due to uninformed
career decisions

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