

## Public Examinations

Sir.—Your leader of the 17th June, 1980, under the above caption deserves serious consideration by all who wish well to the nation. Repetition of corruptions in national examinations is an indicator of some ominous trend in the life of a society. An individual is a unit to the society. So to correct the society every individual has to take a vow to correct himself. The preacher has to induce him to the correct path. There has been moral degradation in society in every sphere. It has its manifestation in the examinations. An examination is a final say to an achievement. So from the happenings in the examinations we can measure our achievements in all spheres of life. Not a single day is to be wasted. The leaders in the spiritual and moral spheres must rise to the occasion. All the teachers of the country should dedicate themselves to their duties. It is time the administrators thought over the matter seriously to find out the failures for which they are responsible and all educated people should work very hard to set right things themselves setting personal examples in the resetting of morality. A nation cannot thrive on physical food only it needs moral nourishment also.

Facts are sometimes more surprising than fictions. Anecdotes from the lives of the chosen people of God—Noah, Abraham, Ismael, Jacob, Joseph, Moses—and all great men teach us the aim of life. Text-books from primary to Master's degree courses can include necessary anecdotes. Novels and story books are prescribed as text-books in the schools, colleges and universities. Who cares for the novel of all novels, the story of all stories? The lessons which will be derived from the stories and anecdotes in the Holy Book, in the spiritual, moral and material fields are untold.

The solid foundation of all the teachings is morality. This foundation has to be built strongly. Under no circumstances should this be neglected. On examining the present-day objective of education in the country we find that the moral aspect which is so essential has been neglected. Let the outlook be reset correctly by the teachers, the students, the writers, the thinkers and the administrators.

Let us not lose heart. It is heartening that the matter is drawing the attention of the administrators and that the attention of sound thinkers has also been drawn to it. Better late than never.—Yours, etc.  
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