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“If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. they are father, the mother and the teacher.” – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Analyse.

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Answer Hint

Family values; parental role modelling; teachers; ethical education; honesty; character formation; civic responsibility; corruption prevention

Model Answer

Introduction

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam emphasised parents and teachers because childhood experiences shape values that influence individual and public conduct throughout life.

Role of Parents

Parents are children's first role models. Honesty, fairness, empathy and respect for others are learnt through everyday behaviour. Parents must discourage bribery, cheating and discrimination rather than justify them for personal gain.

Role of Teachers

Teachers promote integrity through fair assessment, impartial treatment and value-based education. They can develop critical thinking, constitutional awareness and responsibility through classroom activities and community

service.

Broader Responsibility

Ethical upbringing can reduce social acceptance of corruption, but personal values alone cannot eliminate it. Transparent institutions, impartial law enforcement, accountable leadership and effective grievance mechanisms are also necessary.

Conclusion

Parents and teachers provide the moral foundation of society. When supported by ethical institutions and responsible leadership, they can help cultivate citizens who value integrity and reject corruption.

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