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Section 1: questions for the lecture

Q1: How to understand the concept cosmopolitan means “world” as the “relationship of all knowledge to the essense goals of human reason ”,?

A: “the essense goals of human reason”are moral reasons, though we have more modest concept totality of knowledge then the relation of these totality of knowledge to the real human goals , which are in the end morality , that is meant in the critique of pure reason.

Q2: Does kant concerned about the different potentials between individuals, and in order to chansform these potentails into reality, then how should educate the individuals?

A: Yes, kant paid more attention to the common between indivual and care little about the difference because it is one’s duty to use practical reason to achieve one’s own goals.

Q3:What roles should parents play in the education of their children?

A:Kant said that parents usually only care about what can children do at home. The four steps of education (diciplining cultivation) is to parents, schools, friends and the whole society to participate in. In the first two steps, parents have specific obligations, the latter two, need the participation of the whole society. if it is enlighten family parents can be more actively involved in the latter two, but only the first two are their own duty.

Section 2: the text reading

Q1: What does kant presuppose if you think the course of many generations education becomes more and more perfect?

A: Later generation can learn experience and knowledge from the previous generation, and they can make progress. In addition,their final goal have never changed.

E:It’s a bit optimistic.The typical father-son problem in psychology tells us that later generation’s intentions will probably become a opposite element to the progress.So it’s wise to learn from the previous generation,but it doesn’t go without any problem.

Q2: What does it mean for the importance of education?

E: According to Kant,the arts of government and education play the same role.They are part of practical reason.Though, in general, Kant is regarded as philosopher of critique of pure reason, but here we see much more important for Kant are these practical questions.However,before doing these thing,we need to have a good theory of knowledge about what is possible and what is not possible for man.

Q3: What does Kant mean by saying “One principle...in the future”?What sort of “future”?

A: Children should be educated to be a world citizen.

E: Future doesn’t mean what’s going on tomorrow,but what should be going on tomorrow, And this is the ideal of humanity.

Q4: what does it mean “a cosmopolitan manner”?

A: To be world citizen as well as a world citizen act

E: Development of character, character to have courage to think of yourself, through thinking of yourself you develop your practical reason, and by develop your practical reason, you develop your capability to choose more good goals.