

Heredity or Qualification?

Activity 1:

Please go through the below instance and state whether you would agree with the arguments presented and justify your answer.

Justice Kapoor was a reputed judge known for his high efficiency and professional no-nonsense behavior in disposing even the most high profile cases. As a result in his 30year old career, he would hear at least 25-30cases every day. Very soon Justice Kapoor was promoted to the topmost judicial court of India, The Supreme Court.

On the very first day of his reporting duty he had 45 cases listed. He was never to keep the cases pending, but on that day, he had a sudden attack of dysentery, by water contamination. His family physician insisted that he take rest for at least 3 days as he was severely dehydrated. However, having never kept cases pending, he was feeling desperate to attend the court. Then an idea struck him!

Immediately he called for his son Rahul Kapoor. Justice Kapoor considered him a very smart and intelligent man and one to pick up things quickly. He ordered Rahul to go to the Court on his behalf that day and hear the cases and dispose the judgment on his behalf!

Rahul was stunned and tried to explain to his father, “Dad! I have no knowledge of any law! How can I possibly sit in the position of a Judge and pass judgment? I am just a student, not even of law but engineering.”

Justice Kapoor however was deaf ears to Rahul’s pleas. He said, “You are my son and you are smart. That’s enough qualification. You can sit on my seat rightfully as you are my son.”

Rahul was speechless and came out of his father’s room considering him insane.

Group Discussion: *Nominate a member from your group to state whether you would agree with the argument presented and justify your answer.*