



Future Plans of the UAE

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Introduction

- It has become clear today that the future is multi-dimensional.
- Nations should understand all the different sides to know which side is more appropriate.
- This means people will be able to make their own future with their own hands.

Features and capabilities required for the future individual

1- Unique and non-stereotyped human being.

- The individual should reject stereotyping and avoid conforming to others. They should rely on their own resources and abilities, remain open to new sources of information and knowledge from all directions, and strive to improve their quality of life as well as contribute positively to society

Features and capabilities required for the future individual

2- A creative individual who exercises creative thinking.

- Working in the 'information society' depends first on mental skills because the individual deals with modern technology such as computer systems and self-management.
- The individual of the 'information society' really needs to be innovative, creative and ready to exercise creative thinking.

Features and capabilities required for the future individual

3- An individual who engages in critical thinking.

- People must not surrender to knowledge, views and perceptions without testing their credibility, on the basis that facts of life, knowledge and information are changing at a rapid pace.

4- An individual who is proud of his culture and faith, and respects other people's cultures and beliefs.

- This individual must be ready to accept differences in others.

Features and capabilities required for the future individual

5- A person who is ready to learn and self-learn all his life.

- Education does not stop after graduation. People can always learn new things through many ways.

The UAE and the road to the future

- We must learn how to preserve the self-identity of the society, its traditions, originality in addition to Islam and keeping the Arab identity in the face of the serious challenges that the society might face.
- We must ensure the preservation of the Arabic language, the language of the Holy Quran, to prevent its decline. How can this be done?

The future outlook for the UAE community should focus on the following dimensions:

1. Maintain the original values and principles while being open to civilizations
2. Social and economic development in order to bring about a productive society.
3. Deepening the sense of national identity.
4. Emphasizing the role of the people by providing them with various services such as education, training, health services and social welfare.
5. The importance of applying the concept of a welfare state and care fully to all the population in the country.

Globalization and its effects

- Globalization can be defined as: Worldwide integration of culture, ideas, media, and technology through cross-cultural exchange due to advances in communication systems and economic interests.
- It is possible to globalize many things like goods, services, finance, people, information, the impact on the environment as well as abstract things such as ideas, behavioural norms and cultural practices.

Supporters of globalization argue that globalization has some positive goals and results that include:

- 1- Increasing the volume of world trade, leading to a global economic recovery.
- 2- It increases the local and global production levels.
- 3- It solves some common problems that cannot be resolved in one country alone such as nuclear threats, the spread of crimes, drugs & other problems, diseases and epidemics (diseases that spread widely in one place for example: bird flu & swine flu & Covid19).
- 4- It creates stability in the world and seeks to unite it.

Opponents of globalization argue that it has negative goals and effects such as:

- Destruction of national identities and national culture of peoples.
- Dominating the economies of the United States of America, through monopolies and large USA firms which would control the economy of nations.
- Cancelling the culture and social nature of people.
- Increasing the richness of powerful countries, while poor countries get poorer.

The negative effects of globalization on the cultural aspect of Arab societies in terms of the following:

- * Globalization will lead to the loss of our Arab identity and our faith.
- * Globalization seems like a cultural invasion. Explain...
- * Globalization promotes the American way of life, influencing people's preferences in food, drink, customs, clothing, music, and other consumer goods.
- * Globalization fosters a culture of entertainment and leisure, often perceived as a form of American cultural dominance.

Globalization is an attempt to erase history and cause false facts.

- * It is a path towards unifying knowledge & language with the aim to creating, cognitive, political, economic, scientific and cultural uniformity.

The following are some of the effects of globalization on the social aspects:

- Racial abuse, discrimination and hostility which have been inherent in the Western mentality are now deepening more everywhere.
- Low moral practices in society and the spread of different types of corruption.

Democracy in the UAE

- **Political Democracy:** It is achieved in the United Arab Emirates through the principles included in the Interim Constitution of the Union through the main institutions in the Federation such as: Federal Supreme Council, The President of Federation and his Deputy, Council of Ministers of the Union, Federal National Council, The Federal Ministers and finally the Federal Judiciary.

UAE Centennial Plan 2071

H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai launched UAE Centennial Plan 2071. It is a long-term, full-vision plan extending five decades beyond 2021. It forms a long-term roadmap for the government work.

The UAE Centennial 2071 is based on four pillars as follows:

- 1- Future-focused government.
- 2- Excellent education.
- 3- A diversified knowledge economy
- 4- A happy and cohesive society

1- Future-focused government

- The objectives of the government under UAE Centennial 2071 include establishing the government of the UAE as a government with a long-term vision that anticipates and prepares for the future. Other objectives include achieving happiness in society and spreading positive messages internally and to the world and developing mechanisms for monitoring long-term variables in various sectors.

2- Excellent Education

- Regarding education, UAE Centennial 2071 highlights the importance of excellent quality of education. Certain areas of focus in education include advanced technology, innovation and others. Other educational measures include teaching students, and implementing mechanisms to discover their individual talents early. On the institutional level, educational institutions are encouraged to be incubators of entrepreneurship and innovation and to be international research centers.

3- A diversified knowledge economy

- The UAE's economy is aimed to be competitive and vibrant. This can be achieved by increasing productivity of national economy, support of national companies, investment in scientific research and promising sectors, focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and advanced industries, development of a national strategy to shape the future of the UAE's economy and industry, and strengthen the UAE's economy. Knowledge economy can be achieved by a generation of UAE inventors.

4- A happy and cohesive society

- Community development is an integral part of UAE Centennial 2071. Some objectives in this regard include establishing a secure, tolerant, cohesive and ethical society that embraces happiness and a positive lifestyle and a high quality of life. The pillar also focuses on developing programmes to prepare future generations to serve as the UAE's goodwill ambassadors, as well as promoting women's participation in all sectors, making the UAE one of the best places to live in.

**Study hard for your finals.
Good Luck 😊**

