ENGLISH AS AN ESTEEMED LANGUAGE IN MODERN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT
It is general phenomenon that English is one of the most influential languages, which has now become sign of esteem in our society. Beside it, English language has also become a major hurdle in ways of success of many people. The purpose of instant study was to investigate major facets, which are the key pillars to maintain English language as Prestigious Language in our society. For this purpose, a close-ended questionnaire, comprising 20 No. questions, was distributed among 30 persons, who belong to bureaucracy and technocracy i.e., civil engineering. The finding shows that there are various reasons behind this honorable status of English language in our society. In other words, it may be said that English has become one of important components of our educational system, which cannot be neglected. Accordingly, necessary measures may be taken in order to learn and teach English conveniently instead of eradicating it at this belated stage.

Keywords: English language, hurdle in success, colonial effect, imperialism, acceptance at official level.

INTRODUCTION
Historically speaking, the purpose of the study is very justified as English is no more only a language, but it has become the sign of veneration and goodwill in our society. In this way, history of subcontinent plays a vital role to label the English current adored status in Pakistan. People of the subcontinent were ruled by Englishmen for one century approximately, which paved the new ways of living standard for the people of this subcontinent. During British kingdom, one of the most penetrating elements of their monarchy was the English language. They injected English in the blood of the then educated people, which did not only affect native language but also left long lasting impact on education as well as social norms and customs. In the wake of this revolution, people were suffering superiority as well inferiority complex due to English and Non-English. That is why, this research would explore the depth of the prevailing English approach in our society and try to trace out the various factors for making English as sign board of success.

It is not for the first time that this topic is discussed, rather, the same topic has already been discussed with some aspects, e.g., Nadia has clearly mentioned and elaborated some major aspects of this topic, which are impact of English upon Urdu language as well Pakistani people, accordingly, these aspects of English language are further explored in form of code-switching and role of social media in the matter. Simultaneously, the book titled “English as Global Language” by David Crystal explores the worth of English language as Global Language and discusses various factors for globalization of English Language like social, economical, political and media. Beside it, the article titled as “The English Language in Pakistan: a brief view of its history and linguistics” by Mehbood (2003) goes to title English as Pakistani English due to its immense popularity in Pakistan. In this way, the focus of topic in question tries to find out the root reasons for flourishing English in Pakistan.

Aims and Objectives
The major aim of the research is to find out the reasons, which are the roots in our society for providing the prestige to English language more and more day by day. One of the most crucial aims of this research article is to analyze psychological approach towards English with reference to English language and its influence.

To achieve the purpose, bureaucracy and technocrat i.e. civil engineer classes of our society were focused.
Their opinions were taken in form of structured close ended-questionnaire to analyze a few major aspects for prestige of English in our society.

**Research Question**

Why English language is deemed as prestigious language in our society?

**REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

In Pakistan, it is assumed that English is the only source of knowledge and is sole way to get prestige status in the society because English speaker is honored with high repute among the people. In this way, this topic tries to understand the dilemma among the people of our society as to why they are very blindly keen towards English and why English is only sign of honor rather than way of communication. Moreover, English is concerned as one of the most prominent and dominant languages of the world, which is learnt by millions of foreign people in order to achieve their desired purpose, which may be educational, economically or social (David, 2003). It is cleared that English is not only stick to Pakistan but also it has impact upon all over the world because of Lingua-Franca role of English at International level. In this way, it may be essential to note that Pakistan is one of the countries of the world, who is also bearing strong impact of English language. That is why, this topic is needed to be explored. The only ideological reason to be elitist and cultural developed is the good control over English language. So, it makes the significant importance of English language in our society, which explores the reason for psychological impact of English language upon people of our society (Larry E. Smith, 1997).

According to Sadiq, it is quite clear that English has become the source of knowledge and sign of prestige for Pakistani people. Most of them are keen to use code-mixing as well as code-switching to entertain native and non-native knowledge of languages. It is, furthermore, elaborated by him that Pakistani people feels proud and prestige to use English language as it is only gateway to be successful and to get good education status in society (Sadiq, 2015). Rahman also goes in favor of English language while making English Language as more powerful and high-status language in our society. He further explains that English makes the people of Pakistan enable to go ahead in their desired fields of education and makes them more creative (Rahman, 1997). Shemeem Abbas clearly indicates the fundamental reasons behind the popularity of English language in our society. We cannot deny this fact that, although it is not national language of Pakistan, yet it is indirectly declared as official language of Pakistan against the decree of Supreme Court of Pakistan to use Urdu language at official level. The reason of this status of English language is basically developed decorum of using of English language in civil, judicial and establishment setup. Viral use of English language in social as well as national media i.e., news channels etc. further add fuel to fire to accentuate the importance of English language in our society (Abbas, 1993). Sometimes a potent message is rendered more effective by being delivered in a burlesque manner the reason is that ideas are valuable only when their relevance to the human nature is clear and when those ideas are delivered with a language which is considered as prestigious the ideas become more powerful because of the language (Quyyum, Sikandar, & Akash, 2020).

According to Ghani, English is deemed to be the key to get good job because patterns of paper and interview for recruitment of major posts in Pakistan are developed while using English language (Ghani, 2003).

**METHODODOLOGY &TECHNIQUES**

Quantitative research method was utilized to obtain the purpose, which included questionnaire i.e., closed-ended structured questions keeping in view answering the research question. Accordingly, 20 No. questions were added in questionnaire in order to attempt to find out the reasons behind prestige of English language. Survey was conducted in order to get samples of selected populations, wherein, questionnaire was circulated.

**Participant**

Two types of participants were taken to conduct this research, which were Bureaucrat and Technocrat i.e., Engineer. These two major classes were focused while obtaining data. 15 No. members were focused as representatives from each class, which ultimately came into 30 No. in total. Accordingly, samples from each class, while maintaining gender equality, were taken in the shape of structured close-ended questions.
Significance of this Study
It is pertinent to mention that, through this research article, we will be aware of new trends occurring towards learning of English language in our society. By the dint of this study, we will be able to know as to how English language impacts upon people of our society. The one of the most important factors to conduct this research is to trace out the aspects and reasons, which build superiority complex among English speakers in Pakistan.

Delimitation
Due to shortage of resources and times, the research was focused on the two official classes of Govt. of Punjab in Pakistan, which were bureaucrat and technocrat, were working under Govt. of the Punjab.

Data Analysis
There is not any iota of doubt that Data Analysis is one of the major and conspicuous part of any research paper because it deals with the core fragment of the any research to do it more useful. We, in this way, go ahead to analysis our collected data from our targeted population. Before going to dwell in analysis of data, it is apt to discuss the detail of data. A structured close-ended questionnaire was designed, which consisted of 20 No. questions relating to research question. Accordingly, questionnaires were distributed to the participants of targeted population with the request to fill the level of their acceptance and rejection as mentioned before each question in order to know their views in a more lucid way. After getting data from population, it was analyzed truly on the basis of the results.

RESULTS AND FINDINGS
Following table displays the results of study, which are being presented in percentage:

| Sr. No. | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---------|----------------|-------|---------|----------|------------------|
| 1       | 16.67%         | 53.33%| 16.67%  | 13.33%   | 0.00%            |
| 2       | 33.33%         | 46.67%| 13.33%  | 3.33%    | 3.33%            |
| 3       | 6.67%          | 10.00%| 43.33%  | 26.67%   | 13.33%           |
| 4       | 23.33%         | 53.33%| 13.33%  | 6.67%    | 3.33%            |
| 5       | 10.00%         | 40.00%| 30.00%  | 20.00%   | 0.00%            |
| 6       | 36.67%         | 13.33%| 30.00%  | 6.67%    | 13.33%           |
| 7       | 36.67%         | 16.67%| 23.33%  | 13.33%   | 10.00%           |
| 8       | 16.67%         | 63.33%| 13.33%  | 6.67%    | 0.00%            |
| 9       | 13.33%         | 53.33%| 26.67%  | 6.67%    | 0.00%            |
| 10      | 10.00%         | 63.33%| 10.00%  | 13.33%   | 3.33%            |
| 11      | 16.67%         | 40.00%| 10.00%  | 33.33%   | 0.00%            |
| 12      | 10.00%         | 50.00%| 23.33%  | 16.67%   | 0.00%            |
| 13      | 23.33%         | 50.00%| 10.00%  | 16.67%   | 0.00%            |
| 14      | 26.67%         | 63.33%| 10.00%  | 0.00%    | 0.00%            |
| 15      | 16.67%         | 56.67%| 20.00%  | 6.67%    | 0.00%            |
| 16      | 3.33%          | 46.67%| 30.00%  | 16.67%   | 3.33%            |
| 17      | 0.00%          | 30.00%| 20.00%  | 50.00%   | 0.00%            |
| 18      | 13.33%         | 63.33%| 13.33%  | 10.00%   | 0.00%            |
| 19      | 6.67%          | 66.67%| 20.00%  | 6.67%    | 0.00%            |
| 20      | 30.00%         | 60.00%| 6.67%   | 3.33%    | 0.00%            |

Following graphical presentation is made in order to analyze data in a more lucid way:
Figure No. 1 is representation of 1st five questions

Figure 1 comprises of comparison of first 5 questions. Accordingly, first questions shows that 16.67% participants strongly agree that colonialism is one of the factors behind importance of English while 53.33% candidates go to opt agree to go in favor of this factor. On the contrary, 16.67% participants remain neutral, whereas 13.33% do not agree with this reason. Question No. 2 pertains to British role for the superiority complex of English in our society, which shows that 33.33% participants strongly agree with this statement and 46.67% agree. Whereas 13.33% people remain silent, 3.33% disagree and also 3.33% strongly disagree with this view. Question No. 3, which says that the lack of knowledge of mother tongue is one of the reasons for using English. This statement is strongly agreed with 6.67% and 10.00% are agree. 43.33% avoid to give their firm view, 26.67% disagree and 13.33% strongly disagree with this statement. Question No. 4 shows that English is mark of development and success. In response to this question, 23.33% goes to select strongly agree and 53.33% goes in favor agree. On the other side, 13.33% selected neutral, 6.67% disagree and 3.33% strongly disagree with this statement. Question No. 5 is that rich literary heritage is reason for prestige of English language, which obtains 10.00% participants’ strongly agree response & 40.00% agree. Whereas, 30.00% goes to avoid answering it, 20.00% disagree with this statement.

Figure No. 2 is representation of 2nd five questions

Figure 2 consists of graphical analysis of second five questions, which shows that Question No. 6 is about the superiority complex in our society. This question gains strongly agree response from 36.67% and agree 13.33%. While 30.00% are neutral, 6.67% go to disagree and 13.33% strongly disagree with this statement. Question No. 7 is about the inferiority complex of English complex in our society, it is divided into strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree and strongly disagree with the percentage of 36.67, 16.67, 23.33, 13.33 & 10.00 respectively. Question No. 8 is about the importance
of English for exploring the knowledge of world, which scores 16.67% strongly agree, 63.33% agree, 13.33% neutral and 6.67% disagree response from participants. Question No. 9 shows the importance of English language for presenting our nation at international level, which is strongly agreed by 13.33%, agreed by 53.33%, remained silent by 26.67% & disagreed by 6.67%. Question No. 10 declares the impossibility of replacement of English language with Urdu at official level. In response to this question, 10.00% participants strongly agree, 63.33% agree and 10.00% are neutral, whereas, 13.33% go to disagree and 3.33% strongly disagree with the statement.

![Figure 3](image3.png)

**Figure No. 3** is representation of 3rd five questions

Figure 3 displays graphical representation of third five questions. Question No. 11 goes in favor of convenience of English language at official level, which is observed by 16.67% population as strongly agree, 40.00% as agree, 10.00% as neutral and 33.33% as disagree. Question No. 12 appreciates role of social media in promoting English language, which is responded by 10.00% participants as strongly agree, 50.00% as agree, 23.33% as neutral and 16.67% as disagree. Question No. 13 says that English has been psychological injected in our blood, which is strongly agreed and agreed by 23.33% and 50.00% participants respectively. Whereas 10.00% people avert to respond this statement and 16.67% disagree. Question No. 14 informs that order of Pakistan’s Apex Court for implementation of Urdu language has not affected the status of English language in our society. In reply, 26.67% participants strongly agree, 63.33% agree, while 10.00% remain neutral about this statement. Question No. 15 goes to let us know that English is mandatory to do business at global level, which is responded as strongly disagree, agree, neutral and disagree by 16.67%, 56.67%, 20.00% & 6.67% respectively.

![Figure 4](image4.png)

**Figure No. 4** is representation of last five questions

Figure 4 portrays graphical display of last five questions, which shows that Question No. 16 says that English is source of knowledge. In rejoinder, 3.33% participants go to strongly agree and 46.67% agree with this statement, whereas 30.00% go to opt neutral, 16.67% disagree and only 3.33%
strongly agree with question. Question No. 17 appreciates the role Bollywood to make English as sign of respect, which is agreed by 30.00%, not responded by 20.00% and is disagreed by 50.00% participants. Question No. 18 states that English newspapers and magazines promote English language to great extent, which is strongly agreed by 13.33%, agreed by 63.33%, not responded by 13.33% and is disagreed by 10.00%. Question No. 19 says that importance of English is due to dealing of judicial system in English language, which is answered as strongly agreed by 6.67% participants, agreed by 66.67%, not responded by 20.00% and is disagreed by 6.67%. Question No. 20 states that educational syllabus of Pakistan compels to learn English language. In response, 30.00% go to strongly agree, 60.00% agree, 6.67% neutral and only 3.33% disagreed with this statement.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS
By elaborating results and findings, it is oblivious that research reveals the point of views of different participants form our society in order to answer our research question. In response to 1st question, we come to know that most of the people agree that colonialism is one of the major factors in order to accentuate English in our society. Simultaneously, in reaction of 2nd question, majority agree that kingdom of British in subcontinent paved the ways for superiority of English. Response of 3rd question leaves us undecided in order to judge as to lack of knowledge of mother tongue promote English, because most of the people ignore to answer this question, whereas, second majority disagree with reason, which gives us hint that lack of knowledge is not one of the major reasons behind importance of English language. Reply of 5th question indicates people’s views that rich literary heritage is one of important reasons behind English popularity because majority goes to agree statement.

Response of 6th question reveals us that overall, 50.00% people are agree that English makes us superior, on the other side, 30.00% remain neutral and remaining are disagree, which goes in favor of this statement. Whereas reply of 7th question let us know that overall 52% approximately agree that English language makes us inferior and remaining are neutral and disagree, which leads us to know that this may be assumed as sign of inferiority in our society. In response of 8th question, most of the people are agree that English is important to explore the knowledge of world. Reaction of people upon 9th question goes in favor of English in order to present our nation at international level. Answer of 10th question goes to support English due to use of this language in official system by vast majority i.e. 73.33%.

Rejoinder of 11th question makes it clear that English language is convenient to use, which is supported by 56.67%, however, 33.33% contrary views to this statement cannot be ignored. In reply to 12th question, majority says that social media plays vital role in order flourish English in our society. As far as 13th question is concerned, majority goes to support that English has deep psychological impact upon us. Response of 14th question shows that majority agree that Apex court of Pakistan also fails to maintain Urdu instead of English. In response to 15th question, most people are in the views that English is part and parcel to do business at global level.

Reaction to 16th question shows that people are divided in order to judge English as source of knowledge because approximately 46% people agree, whereas 30% are neutral and remaining are not agree. Answer to 17th question states that Bollywood has not important role to promote English by majority. 18th question leads us to know that English newspapers and magazines are vital role to make English important in our society, which is supported by bulk. Reply of 19th question goes to be supported by majority. Last question is supported by 90% majority, which indicates that education syllabus has very important role to play to promote English.

By discussing above said facts, it is crystal clear that English has dexterously been rooted in our society on behalf of various reasons, which cannot be rooted out in any way because of its vital role to deal with our various social, economical, judicial and official matters. It is further explored by survey that it is not only impossible to drive English out but its driven may also scatter the apparatus of our society. However, this study tries to find out major factors behind the prestige of English language in our society, which pointed some major reasons among various reasons for superiority of English language. It is, therefore, concluded that it is not possible for our society to survive without English as English is as important to our society as skin to human body. If skin is removed from body, body cannot stay alive, simultaneously, eradication of English language from our society may harm our society in spite of flourishing due to its core role in our society.
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This survey is being conducted to find out reasons and facets for popularity and prestige of English language in our society. It will take only your five minutes to fill it. Please, Tick the best of your opinion.

**S.A= Strongly Agree, A=Agree, N=Neutral, D.A= Disagree, S.D.A= Strongly Disagree**

| Sr. No. | Questions                                                                 | S.A | A  | N  | D.A | S.D.A |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-------|
| 1.      | Colonial impact is the basic reason behind prestige of English in Pakistan.|     |    |    |     |       |
| 2.      | British rules paved the way for the superiority of English in our society. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 3.      | We use English language due to lack of knowledge of our mother tongue.   |     |    |    |     |       |
| 4.      | English is language of developed, rich and powerful nations, so it is considered as mark of development & success |     |    |    |     |       |
| 5.      | Rich literary heritage makes English a prestigious language in our society. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 6.      | English language makes us superior in our society                        |     |    |    |     |       |
| 7.      | English language makes us inferior in our society                        |     |    |    |     |       |
| 8.      | English language is important to study and explore the knowledge of world. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 9.      | It is necessary to learn English language to represent our Nation at global sphere. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 10.     | The entire official system around us has initially been built in English so, it is impossible to replace it with other language. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 11.     | English language is convenient to use in offices than Urdu.             |     |    |    |     |       |
| 12.     | Viral use of English language in social media flourishes English language to great extent. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 13.     | English has psychologically been injected in our blood.                 |     |    |    |     |       |
| 14.     | The Order of Supreme Court for implementation of Urdu language has not affected prevailing status of English in our society. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 15.     | We need English language to do business at international level.         |     |    |    |     |       |
| 16.     | English is a source of knowledge.                                       |     |    |    |     |       |
| 17.     | Hollywood plays vital role to maintain English as sign of respect.      |     |    |    |     |       |
| 18.     | English newspaper and English magazines are major sources to promote English in our society. |     |    |    |     |       |
| 19.     | Judicial System of Pakistan in English makes it necessary to learn.    |     |    |    |     |       |
| 20.     | Books in educational syllabus of Pakistan from initial level to higher level are being translated in English, which compel to learn English language. |     |    |    |     |       |