

First question

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Different people have a different way of thinking depending on various factors like experiences, geographic of hometown, age or even the way his or her parent teach. These things create diverse paradigm. In some situations, people who have different background will have different paradigm and could lead to the conflict because they could not understand each other. People have been fought for what they faith for a long time and history told that it worth nothing. As the same way as the situation that happens in the movie, Agora, the fight of people who have a different paradigm.

The movie based on the true story after the Egypt empire was conquered by the Roman empire that used Christian as the main religious. Before that time Egypt empire also had diverse beliefs and gods. However, mostly the people believed in the thing that can be trusted. This type of way of thinking is called positivity. They always argued about their theories of everything to each other. The good idea became theory and knowledge for a later generation. There were a ton of philosophies that were written during that time by well-known and wisely philosophers and stored them in their library. One of the most powerful and popular ones might be the first theories that stated that our earth orbit around the sun by Aristarchus. After the empire was concurred by Roman, Christians start to propagate to the people mind. Later the religion war occurred undeniable because of the conflict in the way people believed. The library that stored all the knowledge of native was invaded by the holy Christian warrior. All the books, statues and items that cannot be rescued were burned by the Christian. At last, to have a better life, a big group of native reluctantly changed their religion to Christian. However, there are some groups of people, including Hypasia who was the famous native philosopher and her loyal follower still denied the new thing.

The movie clearly illustrates the difference between the two paradigms, the genuinely believe in god people and genuinely believe in science people. While the Christian keep believing that their god created everything and everything was ruled by him, some of the native philosophers, like Hypasia, was still trying to discover

the new thing they called science. Since they could not prove that God was real, they have no reason to believe in him. Later, this group of people were called as the witches since the thing they thought and believed was so different.

The part that is the best indicator of the different paradigm is when Hypasia, the native philosopher said to the Christian that, "you can't question to what you believe, but I must". This implies that Christian just need to think that God is real, but the philosopher needs to know the understandable reason to believe in god before she does.

On the other hand, when people turn to Christian, they will destroy everything that contradicted to their knowledge about god. For instance, Davus, the former Hypasia's loyal servant who was later changed to Christian, destroyed the universe model that he created. His lord was so proud of this creation of him. This show that the faith of Christian in those days can destroy even the humanity of people.

There are so many scenes in the movie that each group and people try to use the compromise way by communication. However, with the genuine faith in the thing that different group and people belief compromise way always ineffective. Everybody judged the thing by their sword.

After Christian ruled the empire, the big conflict between two big paradigms which had the same god happen again. Jew and Christian were two groups of people that believe in the same god. Even though both fight together in the first war, they still had different paradigm and background, so their attitude was different. Eventually, the Jew was eliminated.

After that, with the belief of Christian that god form everything they know and they need to eliminate everything that was contradicted to the god, Hypasia who have too much influenced on the king was executed by the brutal Christian.

In conclusion, it is so normal that people in the different places or different background can have different paradigm. Nonetheless, to live together, people need to learn and understand what others think and attitude and try to accept them.

Second question

a) Where to invade next

From the first question answer, different people who have different backgrounds or from different places have a different way of thinking, so people in a different country also have a different perspective on the same thing. The movie illustrates various ways of development of people in each place. Here are some countries that I think are the best ones from the movies.

Italy is the first country that the author brought us to. The movie mainly focused on the labour force in the big industries of the country. Everybody in the labour sector was so happy. They had a lot of holiday with full wage, like in the normal working day during their schedule. All the company in Italy cared so much about labour resting time. The government or the public sector had never neglect labour welfare. With this thing, many labours felt like they preferred happiness in the workplaces to the money they got from their entrepreneur. One of the workers from the movie told that money could buy everything but love and happiness from others. The development path of Italy is to Make their worker feel more relief and happiness, and then the thing they did will come mainly from their feeling.

Compared to the USA where people worked so much harder, the product was almost equal to that of Italy labour do. This is all because Italy labours are much happier, so their productions are more effective.

Let move to the next country, Finland. The development pattern of the country that the author tried to present to us is bases on the teenager and young generation. As everyone knows, the Scandinavia countries education system are the best in our world. Nonetheless, their systems contrast to others and I am agreed with it.

The aspect of people toward the system should have won the Nobel prize. It is that the ways student think is crucial, compared to what they are thinking. Homework and too much time in school are unnecessary since it reduces the time the young generation can spend their time with their family and learn some new things themselves. The system teaches a student to solve the problem in their way, so they can live happily with themselves. They do not need to be forced to read and remember every little point in the text to be able to do the midterm test. In fact, the

test is unneeded for the country since it will create comparison and discrimination among the students. Every school in the country provide the same level of teaching. There is no best school in the province or even in the whole country because all of them is good and efficient.

Many other countries see the system as the thing that can bring a huge amount of money to big people, when, in Finland, the student is the centre of the system. The one who can make the big change to the system is also the student, so it will provide the best to them

The last country is Germany. Development aspect that the author shows to us is about labour force again. Similar to that of in Italy, mentality factor of worker is in the attention of people. Although their a big competition among the big brand in the country, people happiness is the most significant factor. The working time in the factory of this giant country is just thirty-six hours a week. All the worker can go home after two pm in the afternoon. They can spend their time with people they love in their own places. When they are not forced to do too much work, they are healthier, and the company or industry are more productive

The three countries above have their own way of development based on the thing they experience in the past, geological factors, or many other factors. However, the thing they all have in common is the aim to make people happy. When people are happier with the thing they do, the product or outcome can change the world.

b) The hypothesis

In my opinion, the best theory that can be used to determine development in almost every society is the Amartya Sen one. The theory concludes that the more freedom people in the country have the more that country develop. People do not need great technology if they cannot decide to use it or not. The prosperous look of the country is not important at all if people in the industrial sector are restricted in the industry area and cannot go back to see their beloved family. Therefore, freedom is the most crucial thing.

c) In my opinion, economic growth is still crucial for development.

Economic growth normally refers to the growth in the quantity and structure of production, like the new production technology or knowledge. It will make the

production more efficient and productive. After the industrial revolution, many countries in Europe developed a lot. Various technologies were acquired. The steam engine was one of the most beginning of much more innovation in the latter days.

Therefore, many people have the misunderstanding that Economic growth is the key to Development, but it is not. Numerous other factor and theories can determine the development of each place. Here are some factors that are also indispensable in this area of development.

No one can deny that the growth of a country is the number one factor that used to identify the development. Nowadays, china has excessively big industries and factories in almost every province in each of its twenty-two districts. Uncountable piece of products is provided each day to many parts of the world. Therefore, every Chinese today can proudly say that their country is one of the best in economic development. Nevertheless, they cannot say that their country is the most developed country. Many people in the rural area in the country still in the stage of famine. There are too much different between poor and rich people and the rich always keep richer and the poor also keep poorer every day. As a result, the development as economic growth in the country is so good but not for the development as the poverty reduction.

The second development aspect of development that will be stated in this essay is Development as Freedom by Amartya Sen. According to his theories, development is freedom. The more people have freedom, the more their country developed. Money that people have in their pocket is just the thing that can make people escape from the famine and poverty or have more freedom.

Some countries try too hard to develop the technology for an industry sector that they already exploit their people. the labour needs to work extremely hard to achieve that goal. This ruthless action clearly decreases the freedom to live of people

In conclusion, to answer the question that development is conceivable without economic growth or not, I would answer that It is not. Economic growth is still important for the development of each country since it is another undeniable

key factor. However, there are also many other factors that can define development too.

Third question

American factory

One of the most important and prominent debates of all time is the one between Adam Smith and Karl Marx. To make it easy it is the competition between equality and capitalism, two extremely different methods.

Division of labour is the theory of Adam Smith that labour need to do the thing they specialised of. Therefore, there are more different among each labour than Kals Marx system that avoid capitalism.

The movie, American factory, was the story of the car glass company name Fuyao that was owned by the Chinese investor name Cao. The factory of the company was taken over from the American company name the GM, General motor. The general motor was one of the biggest companies in America during its time, so when the company shut itself down, there was a big amount of unemployment in that area. After the announcement for the worker of Fuyao, desolate and suffering ten thousand workers did not have any choice but to sign for the company, even though their wage was reduced for more than fifty per cent.

The way of thinking of all Chinese people has the route from the way of communist. All people are equal. Moreover, with the background and way of thinking of people Chinese work so hard. On the other hand, American born with the right to do everything they want. Democracy makes people think more about themselves, so they do not have to do too much work, during their working time, compared to the Chinese. Therefore. When these two groups of worker work together in the same place, the conflict is extremely easy to happen.

The first conflict happened during the grand opening of the company on 7th October. One of the company senators says in front of all the worker and people in the celebration that labour union is especially important to all the American worker. Later he was fired by Cao. The Chairman was truly angry. In his way of thinking, the labour union is extremely dangerous for the company and

unimportant for Chinese, although it is illegal for American companies to deny it. The Chinese head thought that with the labour union, he could lose his power to control his own company. In his hometown, China, people could not even think about things like this. Everyone needed to do the work because they did not have any choice. There is no division of labour in the way of thinking of Karl Marx. Everyone is equal without any private property.

From the history, labour union occurred for the first time to make labour have more power to negotiate with their boss, and to reduce labour abuse.

The way of working people from the two countries is different. Compared to Chinese, American stamina to do the work each day was too low. Therefore, American worker life was harder under the Chinese leader. Later there was a huge amount of complaint about injured workers and unfair treatment. Nonetheless, the head of the company seems to do not have any care about their worker status. Therefore, the protest of the workers for the labour union began.

Chinese chairman, Cao thought that to make the company successful, he needed to be the sole commander of the company like what he already did in his country. If the union existed his power could be divided. Accordingly, he fired every one of his workers who joined the protest to make them become unemployed again.

The union was not created by both Adam Smith and Karl Marx. However, in my opinion, the system is contradicted to the division of labour of Adam Smith, since it made the labour have more power to do what they want, even they are not specialised in it.

The first most group of people that was fired was the American supervisor of the company and changed them to the Chinese supervisor. With the different paradigm, Chinese workers push and expect the American worker too much, and when the worker cannot do what the leader wants, the Chinese start to think that they were superior to the American. When the respect of people toward other people decreased, the conflict between the two increased. However, the Cao chairman did not stop firing his workers. When the number of workers in the organisation was too low, the company fixed this by using new technologies. Today the huge amount of people around the world were left unemployed as the new technology keeps developing.

Fourth question

Paradoxocracy

The abolition of private property will liberate our senses from this alienated condition. This is the most essential theory of Marxist. The class of people is unacceptable. However, the theory, in my way of thinking is also the root of one of the most stick rule of govern people, communist.

During the post-war period, many countries were invaded by the way of thinking of communist. Thailand was also one of them, but with the ideology of American in our country, it was not acceptable.

Before the democracy, our country used the absolute monarchy system that all the thing in the country belonged to the king solely. Nevertheless, when everything changed, the system was not worked anymore. The country was big enough that the king's power cannot cover all of them. The rebellion occurred in many parts of the kingdom. Moreover, many big eastern and influenced countries had already made the change. Austria and Hungary dynasties were abolished. Chinese emperor, Pu Yi, lose his power. Therefore, some of the Thai students that studied abroad, including, Pridi Banomyong, had the idea about the change in the system in their country. They secretly plan in their dormitory room.

On 24 June 2475, the coup occurred. King Rama the seventh of Thailand was seized his power. From that day, Thai people acquired the power in their country, but the first democracy was postponed with the reason that Thai people did not have enough knowledge and understanding about the system. Therefore, the country at that time was led by the revolution group led by Pridi.

With the aim to make the country great again, Pridi spread many different ideas. The economic system of Thailand was firstly created by him. Nevertheless, it said something that made the big people in the country angry. There should be no level of people in the country. The opportunity from the people at the higher level make the country have low development. Therefore, the system was unacceptable by the big and people who lose their advantages, even though the leader of the group like Pridi was not the communist at all.

Marxist and communist have never been acceptable things for our country. However, it always relates to the development of our country.

On 2501, under the coved faces of democracy, Sarit Thanarat ruled our country with is a communist party. All the Siam people must live in silence for more than ten years. Eventually, with the fact that Thai people already have acquired the right since 2475, the revolution starts again by the big group of the university student.

In conclusion, the communist and the Marxist ways of thinking was once in the Thai development history. However, the system that good and suit for one country may not be suited for the other one.

