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***Essay on Corruption***

 *Corruption refers to as a form of criminal activity or dishonesty. It refers to an evil act by an individual or a group. This act compromises the rights and privileges of others. Furthermore, Corruption primarily includes activities like bribery or embezzlement. However, Corruption can take place in many ways. Most probably, people in positions of authority are susceptible to Corruption. Corruption certainly reflects greedy and selfish behavior.*

 *There are different methods of corruption. Bribery is the most common method of Corruption. Bribery involves the improper use of favours and gifts in exchange for personal gain. The types of favours are diverse. Above all, the favours include money, gifts, company shares, sexual favours, employment, entertainment, and political benefits.*

*Embezzlement refers to the act of withholding assets for the purpose of theft. Furthermore, it takes place by one or more individuals who are entrusted with these assets. Embezzlement is a type of financial fraud.*

*The graft is a global form of Corruption refers to the illegal use of a political authority for personal gain. A popular way for the graft is misdirecting public funds for private use.*

*Extortion is another major method of Corruption. It means to obtain property, money or services illegally. This is obtainable by coercing individuals or organizations. Hence, Extortion is quite similar to blackmail.*

*Favouritism is quite an old form of Corruption still in use. This refers to a person favouring one’s own relatives and friends to get jobs. This is certainly a very unfair practice which usually deprive most deserving candidates from getting such jobs.*

*Abuse of discretion is another method of Corruption. Here, a person misuses one’s power and authority for personal gain. For example a judge can unjustly dismiss a criminal’s case for selfish reasons.*

*Finally, influence peddling is the last method. This is when an individual is illegally using his or her influence to obtain favour. It gives room for preferential treatment .*

 *There are different ways of preventing corruption. One important way of preventing Corruption is giving good remuneration to workers. Many government employees receive pretty low salaries. Therefore, they resort to bribery to meet their expenses. So, government employees should receive adequate salaries. Consequently, high salaries will increase their moral and reduced the tendency to be involved in corrupt practices.*

*Institutions should be put in place to avoid corruption, with this the system will on its own check corruption. It will act as check and balances. Increasing the number of workers can be another suitable way of curbing Corruption. In many government offices, the workload is very high. This provides an opportunity to slow down the work by government employees. Consequently, these employees then indulge in bribery in return for faster delivery of work. Hence, this opportunity to bribe can be removed by bringing in more employees in government offices.*

*Tough laws are very important for stopping Corruption. Above all, strict punishments need to be meted out to guilty individuals. There should be an efficient and quick implementation of strict laws.*

*Adopt the usage of circuit cameras in workplaces is an excellent way to prevent corruption. Above all, many individuals would refrain from indulging in Corruption due to fear of being caught. Furthermore, these individuals would have otherwise engaged in Corruption.*

*The government must ensure that inflation is kept low. Due to increase in prices, some persons may look for a short way to make up for the differences. Consequently, this increases Corruption among the masses. Businessmen raise prices to sell their stock of goods at higher prices. Furthermore, the politician supports them due to the benefits they receive.*

*To sum it up, Corruption is a great evil in our society. This evil should be quickly eliminated from the society. Corruption is the poison that has penetrated the minds of many individuals these days. Hopefully, as more institutions are put in place of work gradually corruption will be eradicated.*