

# Role of Critical Thinking and Effective Communication in Humanities

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## Abstract

Both critical thinking and communication are interconnected with each other. The capability of the critical thinking process is applicable to improving the communication process. On the opposite side, good communication can easily influence the thinking process to become critical. The present study has investigated the evaluation of the role of critical thinking and effective communication in humanities. The researcher has associated with the understanding of how critical thinking can affect the communication process in humanities and also seeking the connected factors with it. Based on the elaboration of the result section, the research topic has been described in a better way with the implication of understanding themes. Data were extracted on basis of the research topic as the researcher has selected a "secondary qualitative data collection method" to collect relevant information. In estimating the collected data, the researcher has used the tools such as interpretivism research philosophy, inductive research approach, exploratory research design, and thematic analysis. It is an active procedure that needs proper attention and ideas to improve it in better use. Moreover, this research paper can help readers to understand the reasons and applicable tools for identifying the inner connection between critical thinking and effective communication.

## Keywords

Benefits, Communication, Critical Thinking, Higher Education, Humanities, Knowledge, Thinking Skills.

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## INTRODUCTION

Critical thinking and communication are united pieces of the same skeleton which can make a better result. In this recent era, with the constantly developing and shifting environment, critical thinking and powerful communication have a great impact. Critical thinking can be easily taught through an enhanced communication process. In humanity, every individual sees this whole world from a different perspective, and their decisions are made based on this variety of perspectives. In this regard, with more people interaction can be possible, the quality of critical thinking skills and knowledge will be developed. In this modern world, most people value unique ideas more than normal ideas.

Every step of humanity needs some kind of new ideas and thoughts which make this development more beautiful, effective, and better. Seen differently, critical thinking can help enhance communication methods that are effective for the growth of humanity. Communication and critical thinking both are important and valuable to increase the importance of humanity's development. Nowadays people like to look at everything differently and they want to be more updated and advanced. In this context, there is a need for the continuous practice of critical thinking and focus on the communication process. The effectiveness of critical thinking and communication for humanity briefly will be discussed in the following section of this study.

## Aim and Objectives

The aim of the study focuses on the evaluation of the role

of critical thinking and effective communication in building humanities. The research objectives are as follows:

- To find out the concept of humanities and the importance of critical thinking
- To understand the role of communication in critical thinking
- To identify how critical thinking is the key to effective communication
- To evaluate the connection between communication and critical thinking to develop humanity's growth

## METHODS

The study has been implemented based on a few effective research tools that are used to find relevant data and information regarding this research topic. The main section is identified collecting data to conduct this study, and the researcher has used a "secondary qualitative data collection method". Secondary qualitative data collection refers to the use of secondary sources which are capable of providing qualitative and subjective data from existing resources such as articles, news reports, and journals [1]. Several articles and journals that provide relevant information about communication and critical thinking and their effects on the development of humanity's growth are reviewed for gathering qualitative data. All the journal articles have been selected between 2018 to 2022 as the recent data can be served in this research paper. In addition, all articles are searched with their keywords so that the exact article can be found.

Qualitative data collection is comparatively easy to find and time-saving which makes research more time efficient.

However, it improves the understanding of the issue and helps to make decisions from the research more efficiently. After gathering all the data, and evaluating the findings in an understandable way, a “*thematic analysis*” has been adopted. This process has helped in-depth analysis of the issue and that improves the research outcome. Thematic analysis related to the topic helps to understand the different factors associated with critical thinking and communication that influence humanities [2]. Especially, as it does not need any theoretical and technological knowledge, this has been adopted in this study. It offers a more accessible form of analysis that makes research study easy and time efficient.

On the other hand, other research instruments are also used to shape the way of collecting data and information. As in a research paper, the methodological tools provide a structural way that suggests proper research design, approach, and philosophy, and the outcome has become valuable. There are different research designs available but this research follows the “*exploratory research design*” that has helped in conducting this study more efficiently. This research design is beneficial as it is time-saving and also supports different areas of the research process [3]. In addition to that, research approaches are also significant for a research study and it focuses on a clear understanding of the topic. An “*inductive research approach*” is selected here to clearly understand the connection between communication and critical thinking that influence humanities.

Along with this, research philosophy deals with the source, nature, and development of knowledge and also focuses on clearly understanding the research area. This research follows an “*interpretivism research philosophy*” to provide flexible evolution of proper knowledge and understanding during the research process regarding the research topic [4]. Therefore, following the mentioned methodological tools have helped in conducting the paper and gaining an effective result.

## RESULTS

### Theme 1: Humanities and the importance of critical thinking

In the aspect of humanities, the critical thinking process is highly important as it allows an individual to reflect and identify their own value in society. Critical thinking is able to make decisions depending on the requirements of the current social structure [5]. It has been observed in the majority of cases that people who are capable of thinking critically, can lead their lives more meaningfully and fulfilled. In this modern world, keeping pace with the transformation and modification is essential based on the capacity of the critical thinking process. The critical thinking approach is considered able to change both thinkers and the world to explore something new.

In the area of transformative change, critical thinking is also identified as a kind of prediction. Critical thinking is able to boost confidence levels while the communication process. In fact, the communication system can be more useful and lead to better results. Accompanied by the critical thinking

process, an individual can get help to articulate and visualise problems and solutions from different angles [6]. Along with this, the capability of thinking critically and in a more advanced way enables an individual to present contrasting perspectives with confidence. The requirement of the communication process can appear in different fields such as social interaction, meetings, and other business connections. It also has been observed that to assimilate and organise unique thoughts through logical analysis, critical thinking is effective in build humanities.

The use of the critical thinking process ensures the improvement of the core work of the humanities. In the humanities, the numerous disciplines display the different types of activities such as how to listen, how to argue, how to analyse, and how to handle the social world. All the activities are able controlled only depending on the critical thinking process. In the humanity course, teaching and learning “critical thinking skills” remarkably help in decreasing an individual belief in “pseudoscience” [7]. In numerous fields of life, having skills and knowledge about critical thinking can make the process easier and simpler. In order to influence others, especially in the business process, by serving something trendy and unique, the critical thinking process is effective and also can secure the growth of humanities in the current society.

### Theme 2: Role of communication in critical thinking

Communication is the framework of a foundation to shape its profit margin and it is possible to get with the collaboration of a critical thinking approach. People who are capable of improving their critical thinking skills in a continuous manner can gain an experience of better communication. The level, as well as the value of communication in any social activity, is dependent on critical thinking procedures. In this recent business market, the ability to communicate with others has a great influence to impress the opposite individual [8]. While communicating with an individual, a critical thinking process helps in making something different and influential to observe the opposite individual’s thought process. People, who have skills and knowledge of critical thinking, always try to utilise a strong and confident speaking voice during any kind of communication process.

They are also able to avoid “filler” words while communicating with others and make the conversation effective to create something pretend. In addition to that, a critical thinker is also able to present a clear and easily understandable visual presentation to make a simple and flexible. People who can think critically know very well that the other side will be more influenced if they get things done differently [9]. One of the skills of these people is to think about everything in a completely different way from other ordinary people. It is often seen that in any form of communication the first presentation sets the course for all subsequent presentations. In this area, having communication skills and knowledge of how to develop it is very important to make a positive social impact.

In any communication process, using effective language has a beneficial impact as it is the main key tool that is applicable to impress. In this context also there requires knowledge regarding critical thinking. Since critical thinking teaches people to think differently, it can be easier to determine what kind of language use can more likely be attracted, people. It also has been seen that “critical thinking communication skills” assist an individual to stay on point and prove it till the end [10]. A critical communicator is always capable of concentrating on the core issues and gives an effort to resolve them by staying on point. It has become easy and simple to establish a belief and reputation as a critical communicator by applying different ideas and concepts.

### **Theme 3: Critical thinking is the key to effective communication**

In order to improve the communication process, critical thinking is identified as the main key tool. A critical communicator works by observing the inherent flaws of a particular subject after a thorough observation of it. Due to creating social value and social identity, critical thinking skills can manage the entire process very perfectly [11]. Along with this, the critical thinking procedure is also capable of creating a competitive advantage in this current developing era to prove self-identification and self-power. A crucial quality of critical thinking is the capability of protecting issues and identifying self-knowledge. Identifying the biases and providing better engagement in the process, critical thinkers have a great impact to maintain effectiveness in a positive way.

The critical thinking process is able to increase the possibility of inventing as well as discovering new things which are applicable to impress others. It has been observed that not having knowledge about critical thinking, an individual could not bring any new ideas or concepts to deal with the potential issue in society [12]. Basically, it is a process that can support the development process of the critical situation by providing new concepts and ideas. Along with this, having critical thinking processes is able to enhance the skill level at high to solve problems also in the workplace to manage the work culture. In order to deal with different negative as well as complex situations, the skill of critical thinking is considered important to reduce the negative impact.

The continuing practice of the critical thinking approach can improve the communication process and make it worthwhile. Accompanied by influencing the normal thinking process and pattern, the practice of critical thinking is capable of increasing the process of building unique ideas and concepts. In addition to this, in making vital decisions regarding any serious condition, the critical thinking technique is able to polish the potential approaches. However, the critical thinking processes can assist any individual in gaining different points of view to make the situation better than expected. In managing the negative impact of any kind of barrier, critical thinking has a great

effect on it [13]. Moreover, focusing on continuous improvement of critical thinking can help the process of communication and make it more powerful and effective to sustain for a long-term issue.

### **Theme 4: Connection between communication and critical thinking to develop humanity's growth**

Communication and critical thinking are interconnected with each other and both are dependent on each other. Good communication influences the process of critical thinking which is effective during conversation or any kind of discussion. Both “communication and critical thinking” are attached in several ways which are influencing the growth of humanity. One of the major links between “communication and critical thinking” is the possibility to understand how to observe and identify an individual’s “thought process and line of reasoning” [14]. Humanity's growth requires many experiences which can only be obtained through communication with other human beings. The communication method on the other hand requires a critical thinking process. It can be stated easily that communication and critical thinking are closely related to each other.

Especially in the process of problem-solving, the development of humanity can be noticed in a greater area. Based on the industrial perspective, the adoption of critical thinking has been identified as appreciable to improve the condition of communication. Critical thinking is an active process that needs constant practice and exercise to modify its shape and effectiveness. The critical thinking process is able to increase the number of communications and also the opportunity of getting more communications [15]. Accompanied by numerous communications an individual can gain more experience and knowledge regarding different kinds of perspectives. All the knowledge and experience are capable of helping in the development of the human identity level in the current society.

Among the current humanities, the importance of critical thinking has increased a lot as technological advancement is developing day by day. A good critical thinking process is considered as an idea that is applicable to solving any serious issue and serves a better impact by providing the solution. [16]. Accompanied by critical thinking, the process of communication can be better and more effective to influence the opposite individual to retain something. Communication is can be effective in the case of having any unique idea and plan. It also assists in building a better approach for the entire humanity and sustaining it for a long-term issue.

### **Theme 5: Improvement of critical thinking in humanities**

Thinking skills are innate in humanity from the time of birth and over time people learn to think more critically. Although this skill requires a fair amount of exercise and practice otherwise it is not possible to increment it properly. In every step of life, everyone needs to develop the capability of critical thinking. Both skills and knowledge about critical thinking need regular polishing and exercise [17]. In order to convey information about any topic in any place, it is

necessary to have enough knowledge to be able to easily understand what the other individual is trying to say. The more people an individual interacts with, the easier it will be for critical thinking to open up new ideas.

In the case of becoming a good listener, listening to people attentively and noticing the verbal and non-verbal cues also can support the sharpening process of critical thinking knowledge and skills. Identify the situations where an individual's opinion is an unconscious issue, then on that situation, observe the situation deeply and identify the prejudices that led to taking an influenced decision [18]. In addition to that, focusing on emotional intelligence, empathising with people and situations, and becoming self-aware are the beneficial elements to secure the process of communication. In most cases, critical thinking skill is needed to make a fruitful decision on any specific matter.

Most of the time people made their decisions based on different types of perceptions that are not proven right. For this reason, it is very important to make a proper and effective decision by understanding the place and the situation [19]. Observing this present world condition, the more critical thinking is accessible to the human race, the more development there will be and that is a very beneficial thing for the growth of humanity. Moreover, greater exposure to more people will lead to greater experiences that will sharpen critical thinking skills and also will be proved meaningful to mankind.

### **DISCUSSION**

The aim of communication is to develop knowledge about interactional processes and communicative behaviour. It is considered the skeletal structure of critical thinking and it is generally the act of transferring information from one place, person or group to another. Critical thinking and communication are interlinked with each other. Thinking critically boosts communication skills along with confidence. Critical thinking is essential for many career paths and it helps in self-development of an individual [20]. Different professionals such as scientists, doctors, engineers, lawyers and analysts are all required to think critically in their profession. Humanities and critical thinking both are interlinked with each other. Critical thinking is highly important as it allows individuals to reflect on and identify their own values in society.

It has been observed that people who can think critically can lead their lives more meaningfully and fulfil their desires. Critical thinking is also identified as a kind of prediction in the area of transformative change [21]. Communication is the framework of a foundation to shape profit margin and it is possible to get with the collaboration of a critical thinking approach. Communication plays a significant role in critical thinking. In the recent business market, the ability to communicate with others has a great influence to impress the opposite individuals. People who are able to think critically have skills to think about everything in a completely different way from other ordinary people which gives a competitive

advantage. Often it is seen that in any form of communication the first presentation sets the course for all subsequent presentations. Any communication process using effective language has a beneficial impact as it is the main key tool that is applicable to impress. On this note, there requires knowledge regarding critical thinking as critical thinking teaches people to think differently.

Critical thinking is the key to effective communication among the people as a critical thinker works by observing the inherent flaws of a subject through observation. Critical thinking processes can manage social value and identity creation very perfectly [22]. Besides this critical thinking process is able to create a competitive advantage in the current developing scenario. Thinking critically can increase the possibility of investing along with discovering new things which are applicable to impress other people. Sometimes it has been observed that people who do not have knowledge about critical thinking cannot bring new ideas or concepts to deal with the potential issue in society. Along with this, having a critical thinking process is able to enhance the skill level to the high to solve different problems in the workplace to manage the work culture.

Communication and critical thinking both are related to each other as both are dependent on each other. Good communication influences the process of critical thinking that is effective during a conversation or any kind of discussion. The major link between communication and critical thinking is the possibility to understand how to observe and identify the thought process and line of reasoning of an individual. The process of problem solving and the development of humanity can be noticed in greater areas. Communication can be effective in the case of having any unique ideas and plans [23]. It also assists to build a better approach for the entire humanity and sustaining it is for a long-term issue. The critical thinking process can be improved by different procedures. Thinking skills are innate in humanity from the birth time and people learn to think critically over the time. The critical thinking process can be improved by improving the listening and communication ability. People need to be good listeners along with good communicators.

Most of the time people make their decision based on different perceptions that are not proven right. Hence, it is very important to make proper and effective decisions by understanding the place and the situation. Every act has a consequence and people can improve their critical thinking procedure by considering the consequences before performing any act. Moreover, greater exposure to more people will lead to a greater experience that can sharpen critical thinking skills and procedures that will be beneficial and meaningful for mankind.

### **CONCLUSION**

Following the above entire analysis, it can be concluded that to make humanity stable and increase growth, having knowledge about critical thinking is essential. In this current

developing era with the collaboration of advanced technology, people also need to be able to think fast to keep pace with the current age. The communication method is a very good process for further development of critical thinking efforts which helps this humanity to achieve more success and growth. It is a very common factor that the more people interact with other people, the more their knowledge and experience develop and the more variety they learn about society.

The societal approach is a great way to practice the critical thinking development process to serve a better positive growth to humanity. Accompanied by critical thinking people can easily influence other people about any topic and present new information and ideas more beautifully. Especially it is identified as a good approach for businesses by which anyone can easily maintain competitiveness in this society to sustain security for a long-term issue. Moreover, to build positive growth in humanity, both communication, and critical thinking are very essential.

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