*Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?*

*In order to succeed, you should be more like others than be different from everyone else.*

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Throughout history, humans have made their all-out efforts to improve or be successful in their life. Although the meaning of success varies from person to person, people have tried numerous ways to reach it. For some people, being wealthy is the top priority of some people, while others believe that success means being happy and content with themselves in life. Whether we are in the first group or second group, the noteworthy question then is whether we should resemble others or differ from people to succeed. It is my conviction that only if we are different from others will we become a dignitary. In what follows, I will shed light on my reasons for this viewpoint.

 The most noticeable reason is that success is the goal which few people can reach, otherwise the meaning of it will be changed. Inspirational stories of victorious persons such as Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, etc. demonstrate that they do things, which is a sheer of waste of time in terms of people because dignitaries even investigated and worked in a field which had not existed in that era. As a case in point, since gold is a scarce metal, it is more precious than other metals such as copper or steel which are abundant, so gold has been used as decorative objects. I relate this example to everyday life in order to explain this idea. Were the average scorce of students in a exam X, successful students would get more than it. In other words, being triumphant and worth needs to have distinguishing characteristics. Consequently, only a few people who achieve a valuable and unreachable goal are considered successful. As a result, should we imitate other people, we will be like ordinary people of which grandees are at the top.

 Another prominent reason which deserves some words here is that we are exposed to challenging and competitive fields to succeed unless we choose areas in which few people are working. Nowadays, innumerable people are living in the world, and we unintentionally or intentionally compete with them for being chosen in desire jobs, entering the ideal university, etc., so the more people are in an area or activity, the more efforts we should make to succeed. Therefore, being like others logically aggravates the situation for success. As my personal experience, I could readily be accepted in the university in which knowing the French language was its requirement, for hardly any people can comprehend the French language. Had I tried to apply for an English-based university, I would not have been accepted so easily, and I was supposed to be better than so many people to get that position. Consequently, in order to succeed, we have to be unique and have an appealing quality which others rarely have.

 In conclusion, having distinctive characters and differing from people is the best key to get favorable outcomes because not only is success achievement of a particular aim which is implausible in people’s minds, but also we face less competitive opponents. I suggest that persons who want to be at the peak of success in their careers, life, studies, etc. read the biographies of entrepreneurs to be encouraged, but it does not mean that we should behave exactly like them.

Number of words: 536

Time: an hour