Governments should offer college and university education free of charge to all students. Write a response in which you discuss …

Education is one of the key components bringing growth and progress into society. This fact increases the importance of education in the community and has resulted in governments’ investing in education more than ever before. Without any shadows of doubt, governments are in charge of insuring the right to free and high-quality education for all students until they become literate. However, a controversial discussion begins at the point when it comes to universities. Some people or even governors believe that offering free education should be continued in the universities, while others might say that it is impractical for governments to do this. I personally agree with the latter idea due to the negative effects that the free university education can have on both the economic and educational system, which are elaborated upon in what follows.

Firstly, although educated people are the primary motive force of progress in economic areas, providing free university education for all people has adverse impacts on the economy. First of all, it imposes a tremendous amount of cost on the government annually because each university must have facilities such as libraries, transportation systems, well-equipped laboratories, to name but a few. They also have to hire and give payment to experienced professors and staff working on the campus; therefore, governments would have to increase tax rates due to the fact that their annual budget is limited and should be assigned to all sections. As a result, it is not a prudent course of action to not consider other financial resources for the universities, while receiving tuition fees from students can cover a significant portion of the costs. Moreover, studying at universities just because of being free makes a delay in entering the youth labor force to the market which is not beneficial for the economy of the country considering that not all careers require academic knowledge and information. There is still another reason why students should be required to pay to study at universes, which will be discussed in the next paragraph.

Secondly, it is not beneficial for the education system, too. If all people have the chance of studying at the universities for free, they may go to universities not for gaining knowledge and skills but for other purposes. For example, in some countries where military service is mandatory, many students enter universities merely to evade performing compulsory military service or at least postponing it. Needless to say, not only do they waste resources, but they also may play down their academic tasks because of the lack of interest. For instance, they might ask basic questions from the lecturer or make a disruption in class discussions. Consequently, the class quality will be diminished. Nevertheless, if they had to pay for every course that they had enrolled in, they would pay painstaking attention to whatever the lecturers said. In addition, the more crowded a class is, the less quality it will have. Hence, it is better to filter students by earning tuition fees so as to only the ones who really know the value of education and are eager to push back the frontiers of knowledge enter the universities and enjoy its facilities.

However, in all countries, there are diligent and talented persons who cannot pursue their true desires due to poverty. Instead of wasting money for preparing free education for all people, the governments must allot a part of their budget to discover such students, support them, and prepare a situation in which they can flourish their potentials. To do this, they should provide them with merit-based and need-based scholarships as financial aids. This can be a wise investment since it will result in training invaluable experts leading the country to success.

To draw a conclusion, by taking into account whatever has already mentioned, offering free university education to all students is an unreasonable decision on the grounds that not only does it imposes expenses on the government and hurts the economy, but it also negatively affects the education system as it makes classes overcrowded with students who are not interested in their majors. Rather than this, the government should invest in ingenious students who cannot enter universities due to the lack of money by supporting them financially.