



Teaching as a Career

The Pandemic gave an off to most of the cooperates and business people for a while but the one who polished them rarely get an off. You may have guessed that I am talking about the Noble profession **“Teaching”**. But beware, you need to be ready for all the miscellaneous questions beyond what is expected from a child’s mind. Stepping into a profession like teaching demands learning something new each day. Be it learning from the students about a new technique of solving a question or adapting yourself to technology for online teaching. You always have to learn and have to maintain an upward graph for learning, otherwise, you would be labeled as a boring teacher. This point however applies to every profession where the obsolescence has to be offset by adaptation to new knowledge.

One of the inspiring quotes by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam says **“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me.”** In one of his interview I was listening, he was encountered that he was an aerospace engineer, a former

President and has also served as a professor but the title he embraced the most was of a Teacher. Replying to the interviewer, he was taken a back to his 5th-grade teacher who radiated knowledge whenever he used to enter. His dream got shaped with this radiance and purity of life and hence he loved his title as a TEACHER the most. A Teacher always has a wonderful opportunity to make another good human. Teaching is not limited to the art you teach but the multidimensionality of knowledge that you bestow your student with.

Choosing Teaching as a career option is a clear path for you if you truly worship your subject and perfect when you are interested in giving others the art too. We all are acquainted with the fact that its only teachers through various stages of our life that makes a successful person, a doctor, engineer, or another teacher. Teaching not only provides you with the opportunity to meet different students each year but also to learn every day from them as mentioned above. What bigger can be it for you that you are shaping the future of the country? the future that has to build and contribute to the economy in next 5 years or say 10-20 years, depending on what stage you are teaching at. There is a high probability that one of the students you taught and inspired in your career are at a level earning more than you have been earning so far in your life. Sometimes, they become better than you. This gives you a supercilious sense of pride that is still lacking in most of the other professions

Coming to the point of how to decide that you are fit for teaching? Well, it’s just passion that would drown you in the ocean of teaching. Be it any field you specialize in or you have trained in that, go and share it. The field can vary academically to teaching dance or any art. I would be focusing on academic teaching from this point onwards. Academic teaching varies from school level teaching to teaching in a university or opening your own coaching center. There is always a bunch of people who don’t wish to work under someone else and are creative to live their life in their own way. If you are one of them,

don't worry, teaching is not at all limited to schools and universities where you have to be within code of conduct. Coaching centers and online platforms like YouTube are something that fits you perfectly. YouTube for teaching is debatable in terms of initial earnings since it takes time to build a credible audience but you can always give it a try since it is evolving as a new career option these days.

Although nothing can beat the feel of physical classrooms and the kind of interactions you have with students, but the pandemic and stringent lockdowns have opened up both students and teachers to online platforms of teaching. If you plan to teach online, you need minimal investment as compared to setting up a coaching institute for teaching. This would require a Pen Tablet, a PC or a laptop with a stable internet connection, good quality mic, subscription of a platform like zoom (not necessary since alternate platforms like google meet are now free!), and yes the most important of all: KNOWLEDGE about your subject. This would surely cost you less than renting a place to teach students physically.

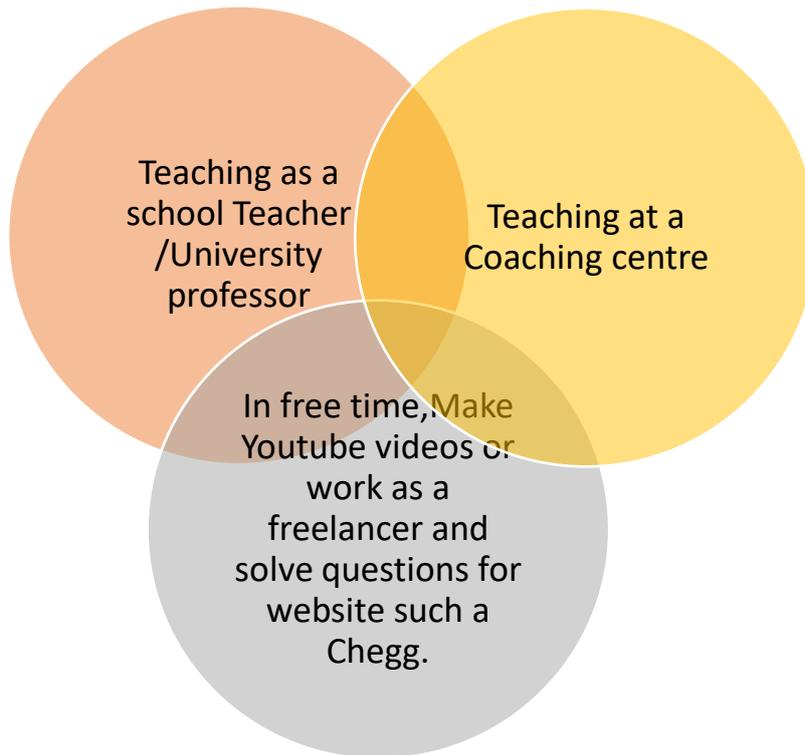
Once you have decided that you need to engage yourself as a teacher for a specific subject, gauge through the variety of options you have. You have the liberty to choose from a variety of options. A couple of things that I have in mind from which you can choose from is given below: -

- ✚ Teaching at a **School**
- ✚ Teaching as a **University professor**
- ✚ Setting your **own startup /website** for online teaching
- ✚ Teaching through an **already established Online platform**. (like [Quampus](#))
- ✚ Working as a **freelancer** to solve questions for websites such as [Chegg](#), [Topper learning](#), [Doubtnut](#), etc.
- ✚ Starting a **YouTube Channel** is something you can always try your hands on.



Kindly doodle your eyes above at the list for the options that are available to you as a teacher working part-time or full time. You can also choose 2 or 3 jobs at a time or you can persue your Ph.D. with one job, whatever suits you the best. For example, you teach in a school, then at coaching, and in your free time solve questions on platforms such as Chegg or Topper Learning. It looks like a cakewalk, but it isn't. Handling 2-3 things together just demands your balance and multitasking things.

The Venn diagram below is one of the combinations where you can engage yourself (There are many permutation and combinations that you can make, make something that suits you the best)



A person may choose to work in at most one of the shaded areas or at least one of the shaded regions. This Venn diagram varies from person to person since everyone has their own choices and priorities in life. There are many permutations and combinations that you can make to construct your own Venn diagram and choose amongst the shaded portion that suits you the best.

To conclude, you must have **passion** for teaching so that you enjoy every day of your career. This holds for any career opportunity you are exploring. As a teacher, you need to motivate students every single day, be a role model to them, work hard and hard each day, learn from students and make them learn things beyond studies. Don't worry if you don't have that much of a deep passion for it, walking on the road of teaching will itself develop that passion in you that you would love as well as embrace your choice to be a TEACHER.