

The Importance Of Education To The Development Of Mankind

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Abstract: *The importance of education to the development of mankind .The paper also discussed that education is a process which bring positive changes in human life and behavior, and is a process of acquiring knowledge through study or imparting the knowledge by way of instructions or some other practical procedures. The paper went further and explained that formal education usually takes place in the premises of the school where a person may learn basic, academic or trade skills and that informal learning (education) is resulting from daily life activities related to work, family or leisure and non-formal education is any organized educational activity outside the established formal system whether operating as an important feature of some broader activities. The paper also looked into the general objectives of education which some of them are (i) To complete the socialization process (ii) Transmission of cultural heritage and (iii) Reformation of attitude.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Generally, no one can develop beyond the level of his/her education and nobody can be an exception. Education is the backbone of everything in life. It is the key to success in the future and to have many opportunities in life, one has to be educated. It illuminates a person's mind and thinking. Having education in an area help's people think, feel and behave in a way that contributes to their success and improves not only their personal satisfaction, but also their community education develops human personality and thoughts, it prepares people for life experiences. It gives room for special status in their own society and every where they live. With the help of education an individual can develop physically, mentally, socially and in everything.

II. THE CONCEPT OF EDUCATION

Education – to layman is just the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge. It is however important to note that education goes beyond that, for instance, Carl (2019) Education is a process which bring positive changes in human life and behavior. He also stated

that education is a process of acquiring knowledge by way of instructions or some other practical procedure Saurus (2012) see's education as the act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life. Smith (2021) posits that education is a process of inviting truth and possibility, of encouraging and giving time to discovery.

GENERAL EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES BY MOHITA
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- ✓ To complete the socialization process
- ✓ Transmission of cultural heritage
- ✓ Reformation of attitudes
- ✓ Occupational placement
- ✓ To instill the sense of competition

THREE TYPES OF EDUCATION

FORMAL EDUCATION

Passion in education (2019) Formal education usually takes place in the premises of the school, where a person may learn basic, academics, or trade skills. Small children often begins in elementary school and continues with secondary

school. He further stated that post-secondary education (or higher education) is usually at a college or university which may grant an academic degree. It is associated with a specific or stage and is provided under a certain set of rules and regulations. Formal education is the one that works under the framework set by individual boards of education. The orderly learning environment includes educational institutions, classrooms, specially trained teachers, teaching equipment, extra-curricular activities, competitions, examinations and a curriculum or syllabus. Formal education, as the name suggest, is very structured in nature as proper guidelines are laid. Globale (2020). The following are the examples of formal education:-

- ✓ Learning in a class
- ✓ School grading/certification, college and university
- ✓ Planned education of different subjects having a proper syllabus acquired by attending the institution.

INFORMAL EDUCATION

According to wikipedia (2001) informal learning resulting from daily life activities related to work, family or leisure. It is not structured (in terms of learning objectives, learning time or learning support) and typically does not lead to certification informal learning may be intentional but in most cases it is not-intentional. OECD (2007) informal learning is never organized, has no set objectives in terms of learning outcomes and is never intentional from the learner's point, often it is referred to as learning by experience or just as learning experience. The idea is that the simple fact of existing constantly exposes the individual to learning situations, at work at home or during leisure time.

Informal education may be a parent teaching, a child how to prepare a meal or ride a bicycle. People can also get an informal education by reading many books from library or educational website. Informal education is when you are not studying in school and do not use any particular learning method. In this type conscious efforts are not involve. It is neither pre-planned nor deliberate. It may be learned at market place, hotel or at home. Example of informal education include

- ✓ Teaching the child some basics such as numeric characters.
- ✓ Someone learning his/her mother tongue.
- ✓ A spontaneous type of learning. If a person standing in a bank learns about opening and maintaining the account at the bank from someone.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

Non-formal education is any organized educational activity outside the established formal system whether operating separately or as an important feature of some broader activity that is intended to serve identifiable learning clientless and learning objectives professor and Ahmed (1977) In fed. Org (2021).

According to Young Adult (2019) non-formal education is any types of structured and organized leaning which is institutionalized, intentional and planned by an educational provider, but which does not lead to formal level of

qualification recognized by the relevant national education authorities. People of all age group can participate in non-formal education which can be offered through courses, workshops, seminars.

NCBI (2010) Non-formal education refers to education that occurs outside the formal school system. Non-formal education is often used interchangeably with terms such as community education, adult education, it refers to a wide range of educational initiatives in the community, ranging from home-based learning to government schemes and community initiatives. It includes accredited courses run by well-established institutions as well as locally based operations with little funding.

Kapur (2018) said that non-formal has been define as intended, deliberate and a systematic educational enterprise that is regularly outside the system of traditional schooling in which the curriculum and the instructional systems are organized in such a manner that they get easily adjusted to the exceptional requirement and needs of the students or may be beneficial in case of unique situation and occurrence with the main motive of maximizing and minimizing other aspects which often engage formal school teachers such as taking the roll, implementing writing reports, supervising the study and the examination rooms e.t.c. Kapur further stated that non-formal education forces more open the learners as the can leave anytime when they do not feel motivated or this education may not be beneficial to them.

Example of non-formal education by include

- ✓ Boy scouts and Girls Guides, develop some sports program such as singing comes under.
- ✓ Fitness programs.
- ✓ Community-based adult education course.
- ✓ Free courses for adult education developed by some organization.

III. THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND

MONEY; According to Reda (2015) an educated person has more chances of landing up a good high paying job. Everybody wants a good life. It may be called as the 'not of all evil' but most people will agree that money is important for survival in today's world. The more educated you are, the better career options you have.

TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS REALITY; Porrill (2021) if you have hopes and dreams, then an education can help you achieves them. Without certain amount of background of knowledge, it would be extremely difficult to achieve things in life. However, with an education under your belt you're more likely to be able to obtain that dream job, earn fat salary, raise a healthy family, and so one use education as a stepping stone to achieving whatever you set your mind to.

EDUCATED PEOPLE ENJOY BETTER HEALTH; Reda (2015) educated people can get better jobs and in many areas, better jobs means better health insurance, people are more likely to keep up with preventative care and see doctors when they need, to earn higher salaries also means that people can afford higher-quality food and a diet has a huge impact on health.

SAVES YOU FROM BEING FOOLED/CHEATED; Education saves you from being exploited and fooled. We live in a country where we enjoy a number of rights and freedom, it is easier to take advantage of innocent and illiterate people. They may be trapped into signing false document or be deprived of some right which they have, because unlike an educated people they are not. Well aware of their rights and freedoms Reda (2015).

MAKES THE WORLD A SAFER AND MORE PEACEFUL PLACE; Reda (2015) also said that education majorly affects our understanding of the difference between right and wrong. An educated person is well aware of the consequences of wrong illegal actions and he is less to get influenced and do something which is not legally/morally right. Also, a numbers of uneducated people who live a poverty strike life owing to lack of opportunities often turn to illegal acts such as theft and robbery to solve their problems. If you are educated, you are well aware of your rights, the law and your responsibilities towards the society. Hence, education in an important factor which contributes in social harmony and peace

GIVES YOU PURPOSE IN LIFE; According to Porrill (2021) nobody wants to feel lazy, bored and depressed infuriately, these negative emotions can go hand-in-hand with not having an education, as you never get explore different interests and find out what you're good at once you know your purpose in life and

UNDERSTANDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES; Cdadamin (2018) said that as a social being, it is our responsibility to give something back to the society and make it a better place for the next generation. An uneducated man can't be fully aware of his responsibilities. An educated person is aware of his personal as well as social responsibility to give something back to the society.

EDUCATION GIVES ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE; Education helps a person to be able to read and write. Most of the information is communicated by writing. A man who has this ability to read is called a literate. He can read books, newspapers, signs, symbols. It also helps to read signboards in the street, at shops, bus, train and air stations. It also helps them in their day to day activities like banking, shopping, money transaction and many more. Without primary education, one has to depend on others for all the above basic needs Cdadamin (2018)

EQUALITY; This is the only way where a person of any cast and region will maintain a respectable position is with the help of education. There are different kinds of personalities who have different opinions but still acquire the success holding their respect. All these can take place with the help of education. It maintains equality between people even if they are holders of different sets of opinions.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion a well sound education will charge the quality of life of a person in the future, people who acquire enough education will also helps in their career as an educated person will be getting job more easily and the pay that received will also be higher, apart from that, individual need

knowledge to gain confidence, health, safety, equality e.t.c. living in a society, one should acquire knowledge of their rights, laws and regulations. Knowledge will help to build boundaries and help us to follow the rules so that we have a peaceful life. In a nut shell to be a good and active member of any society, one has to acquire education.

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