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Topic # 4 Educational institution

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An educational institution is a place where people of different age groups get an education.

The educational institution includes childcare, preschool, elementary school, high secondary schools, and universities. These educational institutions provide the learning space and the learning environment.

Activities related to education are there in the educational institution. The organization can get a building and use that building to provide training and education in organized courses.

These educational institutions have one education head; it can be the principal or any other person. The institution has other personnel, teaching, and nonteaching, that are there to help and give service to the organization. There are different works which the personnel have to do like keeping books, arranging and maintaining documents, etc.

The educational institutions have a curriculum that all the educational institutions of the country follow. Public authority takes care of the control and finance of these institutions. The medium of instruction can be virtual.

There can be a merger or demolition of the educational institution depending on the decision of the education organizer or public authority. The institutions' ultimate aim is to impart quality education and to ensure that the future generation is knowledgeable.

There is an educational ID for all the institutions. The difference between these educational institutions is on the basis of the education they are imparting to the students.

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Types of Education

Education goes beyond what takes place within the four walls of the classroom. A child gets the education from his experiences outside the school as well as from those within

on the basis of these factors. There are three main types of education, namely, Formal, Informal and Non-formal. Each of these types is discussed below.

Formal Education

Formal education or formal learning usually takes place in the premises of the school, where a person may learn basic, academic, or trade skills. Small children often attend a nursery or kindergarten but often formal education begins in elementary school and continues with secondary school.

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.

The formal education is given by specially qualified teachers they are supposed to be efficient in the art of instruction. It also observes strict discipline. The student and the teacher both are aware of the facts and engage themselves in the process of education.

Examples of Formal Education

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

Informal Education

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 a library or educational websites.

Informal education is when you are not studying in a school and do not use any particular learning method. In this type of education, conscious efforts are not involved. It is neither pre-planned nor deliberate. It may be learned at some marketplace, hotel or at home.

Unlike formal education, informal education is not imparted by an institution such as school or college. Informal education is not given according to any fixed timetable. There is no set curriculum required. Informal education consists of experiences and actually living in the family or community.

Examples of Informal Education

- 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 includes adult basic education, adult literacy education or school equivalency preparation.

In nonformal education, someone (who is not in school) can learn literacy, other basic skills or job skills.

Home education, individualized instruction (such as programmed learning), distance learning and computer-assisted instruction are other possibilities.

Non-formal education is imparted consciously and deliberately and systematically implemented. It should be organized for a homogeneous group. Non-formal, education should be programmed to serve the needs of the identified group. This will necessitate flexibility in the design of the curriculum and the scheme of evaluation.

Examples of Non-formal Education

- Boy Scouts and Girls Guides develop some sports program such as swimming comes under nonformal education.
- Fitness programs.
- Community-based adult education courses.
- Free courses for adult education developed by some organization

Problems of Educational Institutions

The following are the major problems of education and its institutions in Pakistani society:-

1. Poor standard of education and mass failure in examinations.
2. Illiteracy.
3. Unrest among students.

Poor Standard of Education – Most of the students who pass the examination fall in third division. Only a few percent gets first and second division in higher education of college and university.

Those who fail in examinations make a bulk of the whole. Mostly they are more than 70 percent of the total who appear in examinations. Moreover those who clear they make several attempts in several years.

Those who clear without failure throughout their education career form a very minute ratio in the whole. It means years of costly life and thousands of rupees per year are lost for every young students who does not clear in one attempt. The total loss of life and money at national level is great tragedy for this nation. Hence mass failure in examinations and poor standard in education can be called a social problem of Pakistan.