**Mid-2**

**Q1: In your opinion why peace education is important in our present times?**

**Peace Education:**

**Peace education activities promote the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will resolve conflicts peacefully.**

**Peace education can be delivered to people of all ages, in both formal and informal settings. Programs exist at local, national, and international levels, and in times of peace, conflict, and post-conflict.**

**To illustrate the above with an example, we can say that peace education first invite the young or adult learners to be aware of and to understand the roots of a particular conflict and what the possible alternatives might be. Then through reflection, discussion and use of a perspectives and imagine themselves to be in the place of others, to cultivate empathy for the victims of violence or for those whose perspective may also have legitimacy but whose perspective is different from ours. This means that the learning process that is utilized in peace education is holistic and it tries to address the cognitive, affective and active dimensions of the learner.**

**Essential for building a culture of peace is education for peace. The United Nations has called on every country to ‘ensure that children, from an early age, benefit from education to enable them to resolve any dispute peacefully and in a spirit of respect for human dignity and of tolerance’.**

**Most disputes between people are solved without violence – but not all. If we are to move away from violence as a means to solve disputes at home and abroad we must work together to help young people learn how deal with conflict creatively and nonviolently.**

**Conclusion:**

**For the culture of peace to become established, it is necessary to accept the principles of uniqueness in diversity and to establish the social norms of respect, dignity, and the rights of every individual.**

**Q2: The list of peace education’s schema of knowledge skills and attitude and values in exhaustive .what else can you add to each (knowledge, skills and attitude)? Explain.**

* **Attitudes:**

**It is suggested that the following attitudes and values be cultivated:**

**Respect for life:**

**Valuing of human life and refusal to respond to an adversary or conflict situation with violence. Having collaborative problem solving and other positive techniques.**

**Compassion:**

**Sensitivity to the difficult conditions and suffering of other peoples and acting with deep empathy and kindness toward those who are excluded.**

**Cooperation:**

**Valuing of cooperative processes and the principle of working together towards the pursuit of common goals.**

**Tolerance:**

**Tolerance is the process of growth and change as well as willingness to approach and receive other people ideas, beliefs and experiences with a critical but open mind.**

**Social Responsibility:**

**Willingness to take action to contribute to the shaping of a society characterized by justice, nonviolence and wellbeing, sense of responsibility towards present and future generation.**

* **Skills:**

**Some of the skills that need to be developed are:**

**Empathy:**

**The ability to see the perspective of another person and to feel what the person feels. It is the skill that helps in broadening the learners own perspective.**

**Group Building:**

**Working corporately with one another in order to achieve common goals. Cooperation’s and group building are facilitated by mutual affirmation and encouragement by the members.**

**Reflection:**

**The use of reflective thinking or reasoning through which they deepen their understanding of themselves and their connectedness to other and to the living earth.**

**Decision making:**

**Ability to analyze problem develop alternative solution, analyze alternatives solution considering advantage and disadvantages and having at the preferred decision, ability to prepare a plan for implementation of the decision**

* **Knowledge:**

**Some of the knowledge or content areas that are integral to peace education are:**

**Holistic concept of peace:**

**It is important that student s understand that peace is not just the absence of direct /physical violence but also the presence of conditions of well –being cooperation and just relationship in the human spheres.**

**Conflict and violence:**

**Conflicts are a natural part of person’s social life, but they become problems of violence depending on the methods of conflicts resolution used.**