

**Education** also means helping people to learn how to do things and encouraging them to think about what they learn.

It is also important for educators to teach ways to find and use information. Through education, the knowledge of society, country, and of the world is passed on from generation to generation.

In democracies, through education, children and adults are supposed to learn how to be active and effective citizens.

More specific, education helps and guide individuals to transform from one class to another. Empowered individuals, societies, countries by education are taking an edge over individuals stand on the bottom pyramid of growth.

### **Types of Education**

Education goes beyond what takes places 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.

### **Characteristics of formal education**

- Formal education is structured hierarchically.
- It is planned and deliberate.
- Scheduled fees are paid regularly.
- It has a chronological grading system.
- It has a syllabus and subject-oriented. The syllabus has to be covered within a specific time period.
- The child is taught by the teachers

### **Advantages of Formal education:**

- An organized educational model and up to date course contents.
- Students acquire knowledge from trained and professional teachers.
- Structured and systematic learning process.
- Intermediate and final assessments are ensured to advance students to the next learning phase.
- Institutions are managerially and physically organized.
- Leads to a formally recognized certificate.
- Easy access to jobs.

### **Disadvantages of Formal education:**

- Sometimes, brilliant students are bored due to the long wait for the expiry of the academic session to promote to the next stage
- Chance of bad habits' adoption may be alarming due to the presence of both good and bad students in the classroom
- Wastage of time as some lazy students may fail to learn properly in spite of motivation by the professional trainers.
- Some unprofessional and non-standard education system may cause the wastage of time and money of the students which leads to the disappointment from formal education and argue them to go for non-formal education.

- Costly and rigid education as compare to other forms of learning

### **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.”

### **Characteristics of Informal Education**

- It is independent of boundary walls.
- It has no definite syllabus.
- It is not pre-planned and has no timetable.
- No fees are required as we get informal education through daily experience and by learning new things.
- It is a lifelong process in a natural way.
- The certificates/degrees are not involved and one has no stress for learning the new things.
- You can get from any source such as media, life experiences, friends, family etc.

### **Advantages of Informal Education**

- More naturally learning process as you can learn at anywhere and at any time from your daily experience.
- It involves activities like individual and personal research on a topic of interest for themselves by utilizing books, libraries, social media, internet or getting assistance from informal trainers.
- Utilizes a variety of techniques.
- No specific time span.
- Less costly and time-efficient learning process.
- No need to hire experts as most of the professionals may be willing to share their precious knowledge with students/public through social media and the internet.
- Learners can be picked up the requisite information from books, TV, radio or conversations with their friends/family members.

### **Disadvantages of Informal Education**

- Information acquired from the internet, social media, TV, radio or conversations with friends/family members may lead to the disinformation.
- Utilized techniques may not be appropriate.
- No proper schedule/time span.
- Unpredictable results which simply the wastage of time.
- Lack of confidence in the learner.
- Absence of discipline, attitude and good habits.

### **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.

### **Characteristics of Non-formal Education**

- The nonformal education is planned and takes place apart from the school system.
- The timetable and syllabus can be adjustable.
- Unlike theoretical formal education, it is practical and vocational education.
- Nonformal education has no age limit.
- Fees or certificates may or may not be necessary.
- It may be full time or part-time learning and one can earn and learn together.
- It involves learning of professional skills.

### **Advantages of Non-formal Education**

- Practiced and vocational training.
- Naturally growing minds that do not wait for the system to amend.
- Literacy with skillfulness growth in which self-learning is appreciated.
- Flexibility in age, curriculum and time.
- Open-ended educational system in which both the public and private sector are involved in the process.
- No need to conduct regular exams.
- Diploma, certificates, and award are not essential to be awarded.

### **Disadvantages of Non-formal Education**

- Attendance of participants is unsteady.

- Sometimes, it's just wastage of time as there is no need to conduct the exam on regular basis and no degree/diploma is awarded at the end of the training session.
- Basic reading and writing skills are crucial to learn.
- No professional and trained teachers.
- Students may not enjoy full confidence as the regular students enjoy.
- Some institutes provide fake certification through online courses just for the sake of earning.

**Value Education:** "Value education" is the process through which people impart moral ideals to one another. Powney et al. define it as an action that can occur in any human organization. During this time, people are assisted by others, who may be older, in a condition they experience in order to make explicit our ethics, assess the effectiveness of these values and associated behaviours for their own and others' long-term well-being, and reflect on and acquire other values and behaviours that they recognize as being more effective for their own and others' long-term well-being. There is a distinction to be made between literacy and education.

**Goals of Importance of Value Education:** This notion refers to the educational process of instilling moral norms in order to foster more peaceful and democratic communities. Values education, therefore, encourages tolerance and understanding beyond our political, cultural, and religious differences, with a specific emphasis on the defense of human rights, the protection of ethnic minorities and vulnerable groups, and environmental conservation.

**Importance of Value Education:** Value education ought to be integrated into the educational process rather than being considered a separate academic field. The value of value education can be understood from many angles. The following are some reasons why value education is essential in the modern world.

1. It aids in making the right choices in challenging circumstances, enhancing decision-making skills.
2. It cultivates important values in students, such as kindness, compassion, and empathy.
3. Children's curiosity is sparked, their values and interests are developed, and this further aids in students' skill development.

4. Additionally, it promotes a sense of brotherhood and patriotism, which helps students become more accepting of all cultures and religions.
5. Due to the fact that they are taught about the proper values and ethics, it gives students' lives a positive direction.
6. It aids students in discovering their true calling in life—one that involves giving back to society and striving to improve themselves.
7. A wide range of responsibilities come with getting older. Occasionally, this can create a sense of meaninglessness, which increases the risk of mental health disorders, midlife crises, and growing dissatisfaction with one's life. Value education seeks to fill a void in peoples' lives in some small way.
8. Additionally, people are more convinced and dedicated to their goals and passions when they learn about the importance of values in society and their own lives. This causes the emergence of awareness, which then produces deliberate and fruitful decisions.
9. The critical role of value in highlighting the execution of the act and the significance of its value, education is highlighted. It instils a sense of 'meaning' behind what one is supposed to do and thus aids in personality development.

**Purpose of Value Education:** Value education is significant on many levels in the modern world. It is essential to ensure that moral and ethical values are instilled in children throughout their educational journey and even after.

The main goals of value education are as follows:

1. To make sure that a child's personality development is approached holistically, taking into account their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs
2. Instilling a sense of patriotism and good citizenship values
3. Educating students about the value of brotherhood at the social, national, and global levels
4. Fostering politeness, accountability, and cooperation
5. Fostering a sense of curiosity and inquiry about orthodox practices
6. Teaching students how to make moral decisions and how to make good decisions
7. Encouraging a democratic outlook and way of life

8. Teaching students the value of tolerance and respect for people of all cultures and religions.

**Scope of Value Education:** The scope of value education is as follows.

1. To make a positive contribution to society through good living and trust.
2. Moral education, personality education, ethics, and philosophy have all attempted to accomplish similar goals.
3. Character education in the United States refers to six character education programs in schools that try to teach key values such as friendliness, fairness, and social justice while also influencing students' behaviour and attitudes.

### **Types of Value Education**

1. **Cultural Value:** Cultural values are concerned with what is right and wrong, good and evil, as well as conventions and behaviour. Language, ethics, social hierarchy, aesthetics, education, law, economics, philosophy, and many social institutions all reflect cultural values.
2. **Moral Value:** Ethical principles include respecting others' and one's own authority, keeping commitments, avoiding unnecessary conflicts with others, avoiding cheating and dishonesty, praising people and making them work, and encouraging others.
3. **Personal Values:** Personal values include whatever a person needs in social interaction. Personal values include beauty, morality, confidence, self-motivation, regularity, ambition, courage, vision, imagination, and so on.
4. **Spiritual Value:** Spiritual worth is the greatest moral value. Purity, meditation, yoga, discipline, control, clarity, and devotion to God are examples of spiritual virtues. Spiritual value education emphasizes self-discipline concepts. Satisfaction with self-discipline, absence of wants, general greed, and freedom from seriousness.
5. **Social Value:** A person cannot exist in the world unless they communicate with others. People are looking for social values such as love, affection, friendship, noble groups, reference groups, impurity, hospitality, courage, service, justice, freedom, patience, forgiveness, coordination, compassion, tolerance, and so on.



6. **Universal Value:** The perception of the human predicament is defined by universal ideals. We identify ourselves with mankind and the universe through universal ideals. Life, joy, fraternity, love, sympathy, service, paradise, truth, and eternity are examples of universal values.

**Importance of Value Education in School:** The inclusion of value education in school curricula is crucial because it teaches students the fundamental morals they need to develop into good citizens and individuals. Here are the top reasons why valuing education in school is important:

1. Their future can be significantly shaped and their ability to discover their true calling in life can be helped by value education.
2. Every child's education begins in school, so incorporating value-based education into the curriculum can aid students in learning the most fundamental moral principles from the very beginning of their academic careers.
3. Value education can also be taught in schools with a stronger emphasis on teaching human values than memorizing theories, concepts, and formulas to get better grades. The fundamentals of human values can thus be taught to students through the use of storytelling in value education.
4. Without the study of human values that can make every child a more kind, compassionate, and empathic person and foster emotional intelligence in every child, education would undoubtedly fall short.

**Importance of Value Education in Personal Life:** We all understand the value of education in our lives in this competitive world; it plays a crucial part in molding our lives and personalities. Education is critical for obtaining a good position and a career in society; it not only improves our personalities but also advances us psychologically, spiritually, and intellectually. A child's childhood ambitions include becoming a doctor, lawyer, or IAS official. Parents desire to picture their children as doctors, lawyers, or high-ranking officials. This is only achievable if the youngster has a good education. As a result, we may infer that education is extremely essential in our lives and that we must all work hard to obtain it in order to be successful.

**How Does Value Education Help in Attaining Life Goals**

Education in values is crucial for a person's growth. In many ways, it benefits them. Through value education, you can achieve all of your life goals, and here's how:

1. It helps students know how to shape their future and even helps them understand the meaning of life.
2. It teaches them how to live their lives in the most advantageous way for both themselves and those around them.
3. In addition to helping students understand life's perspective more clearly and live successful lives as responsible citizens, value education also helps students become more and more responsible and sensible.
4. Additionally, it aids students in forging solid bonds with their relatives and friends.
5. enhances the students' personality and character.
6. Value-based education helps students cultivate a positive outlook on life.

### **What are the types of value education opportunities?**

After understanding the significance of this important topic, the next step is choosing the type that best meets your needs. The teaching of values can start at a young age (in primary school) and continue through higher education and beyond. Understanding the various opportunities available to you will make it easy to find the right fit.

#### **Early Age Training**

Value education is now being taught in many primary, middle, and high schools all over the world. The best way to learn the skills taught in this training is to be taught how important it is from a young age.

#### **Student Exchange Programs**

One of the best ways to teach students about values and foster a sense of responsibility in them is through student exchange or gap year programs. Student exchange programs are another exceptional way to experience various cultures and broaden your understanding of how people behave and function. This is a fantastic chance for first- and second-year undergraduate students.

**Workshops for Adults** : People who are four to five years into their careers frequently show signs of irritation, unhappiness, fatigue, and burnout, which is a worrying statistic worth noting. As a result, the relevance and significance of education for adults is a notion that is currently steadily gaining support within the global community.

**Methods of Teaching Value Education:** Teaching value education can be done using a variety of methodologies and techniques. Four of the many are the most frequently used. They are

1. Methods used in classroom instruction include direct instruction, group discussions, reading, listening, and other activities.
2. This method includes a practical description of the strategies. It is an activity-based method. This practical knowledge improves learning abilities and helps people live practical lives on their own.
3. Socialized techniques: These involve the learner participating in real-world activities and encounters that simulate the roles and issues that socialization agents face.
4. The incident learning approach enables the examination of a particular event or encounter in the history of a particular group.