

# FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

## Functions of Education

### Introduction

Sociology of education studies how education affects society. Education serves the needs of society by helping pupils develop skills and create social unity. The main function of education is the transmission of culture and knowledge. The key functions of education can be categorized into three areas: (i) Individual, (ii) Society and (iii) Country:

### Functions of Education towards Individual:

1. Development of inborn potentialities: Education helps the child to develop the inborn potentialities of child providing scope to develop. Modifying behavior: Education helps to modify the past behavior through learning and through different agencies of education.
2. All-round development: Education aims at the all-round development of child—physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual.
3. Preparing for the future: After completion of education the child can earn its livelihood getting proper education, which has productivity.
4. Developing personality: The whole personality of the child is developed physically, intellectually, morally, socially, visually and spiritually. He/She is recognized in the society.
5. Helping for adjustability: Human differs from beast. Human has reasoning and thinking power. Human tries his best to adjust with his own environment through education

### Functions of Education towards Society:

- Social change and control: The society is progressive and dynamic. An individual lives in society. Thus education helps to walk with the development of individual for benefit of society.
- Reconstruction of Experience. Life is full of experiences. One cannot live with his/her past experiences, which are unable to adjust in the society. So education helps the individual to reconstruct the experience and adjust with the environment.
- Development of social and moral value: Society is always in tension with narrowism. Education teaches the moral and social value like co-operation, tolerance, sympathy, fellow, feeling, love affection, respect towards elder, helping the poor and needy person.

- Providing opportunity or equality: Somali constitution states equal rights of citizens. Education teaches us to give equal opportunities in all aspects irrespective of clan, sex, political opinion, social/economic status, disability, occupation and birth/dialect.
- Social aim: The individual is only a means. The progress of the society is the aim of education. The function of education is for the welfare of the state. It prepares the individual to play different roles in society. Individuality has no value and personality is meaningless apart from society. Here society plays an important role.

Functions of Education towards Country:

1. Inculcation of civic and social responsibility: Education helps to make rising generation to understand its rights and duties as citizens of a country.
2. Training for leadership: The leadership quality of the individual is developed when he/she participates in all spheres of social, political, religious and educational activities.
3. National integration: We are living in a country shares language, religion, custom and values. Educational integration leads to emotional integration. Education trains people for unity, not for locality.
4. Total national development: Education helps for bringing about total national development by developing its all aspects, i.e. social, economic, cultural, spiritual, moral, educational, etc.

Therefore, really education is an essential component for all ages and stages of the life of an individual, society as well as the nation. Education can be a real solution for all social troubles.