

Unit 1: (Part-2)

School and Its Functions

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Definitions of School

- Derived from Greek term 'Skhole' which means leisure or a scholarly discussion held in spare time.
- Schools are places of formal instruction.
- School is a **special environment**, where a **certain quality of life and certain types of activities and occupations** are provided with the **object of securing the child's development along desirable lines. (JOHN DEWEY)**
- Schools are **institutions devised by civilized man** for the purpose of aiding in the preparation of the young **for well adjusted and efficient membership of society. (J.S.ROSS)**

Characteristics of School

- Schools are the institutions that are set up by the society deliberately.
- Schools has a fixed points of entry and exit.
- Schools honours to a body of rules and regulations.
- There are certain well defined objectives in school education.
- There are fixed method of teaching like lecture, demonstration, experimentation, projects, discussion etc. in school education.
- It has a definite and limited period of being taught.
- School education is marked by rigidity with regard to admission, curriculum, place & mode of instruction.
- School emphasis on strict discipline.
- School not only include curricular activities but also co-curricular activities which are deliberately planned in advanced.

Functions of School

- Imparting multifaceted education
- Conservation, transmission & promotion of culture and civilization
- Training for citizenship and development of democratic values
- Social reform/ removal of old practices prevail in our society
- All round development of personality
- Development of scientific attitude
- Recognition of individual difference
- promotion of social efficiency
- Formation of character and imparting moral education
- Development of leadership qualities
- Inculcation of higher values of life
- Vocational training
- Preparation for future life

Relation between school and society

- Society is the main source of diverse programmes and academic plan of school
- Aims of school education is determined on the basis of prevailing Philosophy of life in the society
- Social expectations, needs and aims reflected through the school curriculum
- Students' character and personality formation influenced by societies' political, cultural, moral and general environment of society.
- School education brings social mobility and progression
- School is a means of social control
- School changes old beliefs, traditions & values of the society
- School is the important means for child's socialization



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