

Q. No. Unit - 1 (2) :-

Write a note on scope and importance of Curriculum.

Ans. to the Q. No. Unit - 1 (2) :-

Title :- 'A note on scope and importance of Curriculum.'

Introduction :-

In the Paper - 09 i.e. 'Foundation of Curriculum Development', I got the assignment topic, 'A note on scope and importance of Curriculum.'

Before, going to discuss about this topic, first of all I want to explain the meaning of 'Curriculum'.

Meaning of Curriculum :-

The term curriculum is derived from the Latin word 'Curreo' which means run and it signifies a runway or 'a course' which one runs to

reach a goal." In education, it is generally identified with a course of study or subjects prescribed for a course. In fact, subjects form only a part of curriculum means the total situation selected and organized by the institution and made available to the teacher to operate and translate the aim of education into reality.

Curriculum is the heart of the education. There are two types of concept i.e. traditional concept and Modern Concept.

Traditional concept - The curriculum was subject-centered while the modern curriculum is child and life centered. Modern curriculum is the combination of two dynamic process.



## Main Discussion :-

### Scope of Curriculum :-

The scope of curriculum is wide. In an educational institutions teacher should wants to mould learners behaviours according to need of the society. Here curriculum is the main tool. Through, the transaction of curriculum, teachers does his work. Formerly, curriculum was simple, imparting knowledge of 3 R's Reading, Writing and Arithmetic was the aim of education.

In planning of education, curriculum development is an important and necessary activity. The scope of curriculum are mentioned below

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## (i) Realization of Educational

### Objectives :-

An organization of education is based on the curriculum. The curriculum development is done in view to realize the objectives of education. Thus, the curriculum is the means for achieving the educational objectives.

## (ii) Proper use of time and energy :-

It provides the guidelines to the teachers as well as to students, what a teachers has to teach and what the students have to learn.

## (iii) Acquisition of knowledge :-

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for the convenience and organization point of view. Thus, the curriculum is designed for the different subjects.

#### (iv) Determining structure of content :-

Every subject content has its wide structure which is to be taught from lower level to the higher level. Thus, the main task of curriculum is determine structure of content for a particular stage teaching. Thus, the curriculum of different subjects designed from primary level to university level.

#### (v) Development of personality :-

The curriculum is also important and significant from personality development of the student. The curriculum is designed which helps in development in good qualities in students. It helps in developing physical, social and moral qualities

of the learners.

### (vi) Preparation of Textbooks :-

The curriculum provides the guidelines and bases for preparing text-books for the use of students and subject teacher. If the curriculum is changed or modified, the textbooks are also changed. A good textbook has wide coverage of curriculum content of a subjects.

### (vii) Conducting Examination :-

Our education is examination centered. The students are forced to obtain good mark in the examination. Thus, examination papers are prepared as per curriculum of the subject and student also prepare the content for the examination. Thus, curriculum is basis of teaching, learning and testing.



### (viii) Organizing Teaching learning situations :-

The teaching learning situations are organized in view to the curriculum. Teaching work is also assigned with the help of curriculum.

### (ix) Decision about Instructional

Methods :- The instructional methods are selected and used of the curriculum. The same content is taught from memory of reflective level. It may be teacher-centered or learner centered instruction.

(x) Development of knowledge, skills and attitude :- The nature of curriculum provides the basis for developing knowledge skills, attitude and creative ability. It also helps in developing leadership qualities.

These are all about the scope of Curriculum Development.



## Importance of Curriculum :-

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considerable detail and in behavioural language.

(ii) Continuous assessment and improvement of quality :-

Valid and reliable assessment of curriculum is necessary. The curriculum followed by an institution should be reviewed regularly in order to maintain its effectiveness in regards to changing needs of the society as a whole.

(iii) A rational sequence :-

In a curriculum, educational activities are carefully ordered in developmental sequence. This developmental sequence helps to form a well planned curriculum based on intended goals and outcomes of the curriculum and its constituent course.



#### (iv) Making Strategy in teaching and learning :-

Curriculum development helps in suggesting suitable teaching-learning strategies, teaching methods, instructional materials etc. It helps in providing for the proper implementation of the curriculum on the part of teachers and learners.

#### (v) Helps in the selection of learning experiences :-

Curriculum development is needed for appropriate selection and organization of learning experiences. It helps in the selection of study matter and other activities so that learners are able to acquire goals and objectives of teaching.

(vi) Helps in continuous and comprehensive education :-

The process of curriculum development is needed for conceptualizing a curriculum in terms of the determination of educational objectives for teaching-learning at a particular grade of school education.

(vii) Provides for the logical sequence of subject-matter :-

Learning is developmental classes and activities should be planned. A good curriculum provides continuity of experience.

(viii) Helps the teachers to assess students

Curriculum helps the teacher to assess students, understanding throughout the academic session, provide models of discussion that stimulates and



supports thinking and offer ways for the teacher to learn more about the subject matter.

(ix) It ensures the adjustment of pupils:-

Curriculum ensures the adjustment of pupils with the socio-cultural and economic conditions and values of the society which is one of the primary purpose of education. This is the most suitable for the students to adjust themselves.

(x) Helping the process of all round development :-

Curriculum can also be helps the process of all round development of students. Curriculum deliberately plans for the balanced development of all aspects of personality of the pupils.

(xi) Serves as a time-management and organizational tool :-

Curriculum can serve as a time-management and organizational tool. Teachers and students can prepare for future readings and assignments. It helps them to develop skills of time management, learn important life skill such as communication, organization and goal setting within stipulated frame of time.

(xii) Upholds the social and cultural values of the society :-

A good curriculum always upholds the social and cultural values of the society that find expression through various academic and non-academic contents and courses. Thus, curriculum helps in the inculcation of socio-cultural values of the society among the students.



## Conclusion :-

In this assignment, I had discussed 'the meaning of curriculum and scope of curriculum and importance of curriculum Development.' Curriculum is the heart of the education.

The scope and importance of curriculum is wide. In educational institutions teacher should want to mould learners behaviours according to need of the society. Here, curriculum is the main tool. Thus, we can concluded as curriculum was simple, imparting knowledge of 3R's Reading, Writing and Arithmetic was the aim of education.

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