

Teaching of Social Science

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Place and Importance of Social Science in Secondary School Curriculum

Social Science is the specific study of human society and human relationship. In Social Science course, there is always the material that provides a core of knowledge, techniques and skills, experience and insights around which other subjects may be built up in a systematic way.

Secondary education is most important for building up a nation. It represents a definite standard of education which is well organized by the public and the government. It is very important to adopt certain principles for selecting the content of Social Science for achieving the objectives of teaching in the secondary school. Social Science is an important subject that is incorporated in the curriculum of the secondary schools for 1 (one) to ten (10) years of education. The Kothari Commission (1964-66), the Patel Committee all have given this subject as the rank of a core subject in the secondary school syllabus. The content that have to be added in the Social Science should be very appropriate, systematic and also follow some principles and objectives to fulfill the aims, aspirations and objectives of the curriculum. Moreover the Social Science program includes those aspects of inspiration which develop human relationships and social value and help man to realize himself in the society. Therefore, the Social Science program has a vital place in school curriculum. There are given below -

- a) To understand the course of economic and social change and development by highlighting examples from the modern or contemporary India and other parts of the globe.
- b) To critically analyze the social or economic issues and challenges such as child exploitation, improvement, lack of education and various other aspects of inequality.
- c) To make the pupils familiar with the multi-faceted economic activities and the economic structure of the society which would help him, to meet his basic needs and various activities.
- d) To become fully aware of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic and secular society.
- e) To understand the course of change and development in India in comparison with economy and politics of the world.
- f) To become conscious of the roles and responsibilities of the state in the fulfillment of constitutional obligation.
- g) To recognize the rights of local communities in relation to their environment and need for the conservation of the natural environment.
- h) To learn to respect differences of opinion, lifestyle and cultural practices.
- i) To promote brotherhood of man, through national integrity and international understanding.
- j) To acquaint a study of current affairs, and to develop the qualities of self reliance, self expression and initiative nature.

Thus, it is found that, Social Science subject has great importance in secondary school curriculum. Because it helps the students to be engaged in decision making activities. In fact, Social Science is an inclusive but highly specific term, applied to that area of school curriculum which has a primary responsibility for assessing the child to develop skills in and understanding of human relationship.
