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## **INTRODUCTION:**

An Environment is everything that is around us, which includes both living and non living things such as soil, water, animals, and plants, which adapt themselves to their surroundings.

Environment can be defined as a sum total of all the living and non –living elements and their effects that influence human life.

The environment plays an important role in the existence of life on the planet Earth. Earth is the home for different living species and we all are dependent on the environment for food , air, water, and other needs. Therefore it is very important for every individual to save and protect our environment.

## **ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION:**

Environment education is a process by which people develops awareness, concern and knowledge of the environment and learn to use this understanding to preserve , conserve, and utilize the environment in a sustainable manner for the benefit of present and future generations.

Environmental education is an essential part of every students education because through its efforts, the environment is made more aware, resulting in informed concerns and active participation in resolving environmental problems. The purpose of environmental education is for children to gain familiarity with their surroundings and to develop their learning abilities, values, experiences, and passions all of which will enable them to act separately and collectively to address current and future environmental issues. It is interdisciplinary and the subjects covered are both natural sciences and social sciences.

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:**

Environment education is often confused with nature camping, trekking in forests, wild life education etc. It has been most of the times taken to mean as understanding about the environment. However, with the increasing awareness of the environmental problems and the need to equip people with the necessary knowledge, attitudes, values and skills to solve them, today environmental education is expanded to include not only education about the environment, but also education in and education for the environment. The important characteristics of Environmental Education are -

- It is a continuous and life long Process.
- It is a process of recognizing the interrelation among man, his culture and biological surroundings.
- It identifies the imbalances of environment and tries to improve it in view of sustainable development.
- It provides skills, attitudes and values needed to play a productive role in improving life and values.
- Environmental education seeks to develop skills for solving environmental problems.
- Environmental education seeks alternative solution for environmental problems.
- It is interdisciplinary in its knowledge goals.
- It orients to an environment problem.
- It includes action in relation to the problem.
- It seeks to develop skills for solving environmental problems.

It involves concern for approaches, methods and techniques of teaching to identify the real causes of environmental problem and practice problem solving skills in formal and non formal situations.

## **GOALS , OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:**

Aims and objectives of environmental education emphasizes the relationship between man and the environment. The primary purpose of environmental education is to impart knowledge about the environments importance and to inculcate responsibility towards its protection and maintenance. Besides environmental education fosters the skills that enable the attitude and expertise to understand the natural environment, its limitations, critically and the essential ways to prevent it from harm. Thus the objectives of environmental education is about environmental protection through information and knowledge and developing the skill sets necessary to identify environmental issues and take steps required to resolve them.

Environmental education aims to educate young people about the importance of nature and the environment. It encourages young minds to take responsibility for protecting the natural environment and to develop environmental awareness. Promoting awareness and a sense of respect for nature leads to a comprehensive understanding of the environment and a reasonable attitude towards protecting it. Environmental education aims to impart ecological knowledge and promote environmentally conscious behavior towards nature.

## **BENEFITS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:**

By educating people about environmental issues , and equipping them with skills to interpret their actions on the environment, environmental education has been claimed to deliver a wide range of benefits to individuals ,society and the environment itself. When people learn how to remediate the environment, they may be motivated to take action and improve the environment. In environmental education courses , students are generally expected to develop favorable attitudes , beliefs, and knowledge about the environment, as well as develop other skills. The benefits of environmental education are:

1. An increase in imagination and enthusiasm
2. Formal learning goes beyond the classroom
3. Tolerance and understanding are encouraged
4. Community partnerships are improved
5. Creating a sustainable environment with actions in mind , more acceptable.

## **NEEDS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:**

Education is one of the most powerful influences which anyone can use to change the world. It is important to educate ourselves about how important it is. Environmental education helps students to learn about issues outside the classroom walls. People develop a much deeper understanding of the environment through environmental education. It also provides them with the tools to make responsible choices in the development of the environment. By teaching students how to think about environmental issues, helps them to develop problem-solving skills. Environmental education is one of the subjects which are the most important learning subjects in the school curriculum. Those who study the environment develop a sense of understanding of the environment. Environmental Education enables teacher to provide environmentally – responsible learning environments and encourages them to work within classrooms. Activities which include healing ability and wellness are an important part of the environment. Students in school use education to help them to get active and go outside. It also helps in addressing many health issues and help in providing adequate services to various ages at students these days are going through.

## **CONCLUSION:**

Each human being continuously constructs its knowledge , which sets them apart from other living things . Every child has built their knowledge , bit by bit , reasoning with real/concrete objects and using their sensory/ intellectual abilities to reason about: “ what, “Why , “ and “How”, and help of this leads to enriching their experiences. School is responsible for building on a child’s existing experience to further learning. Teachers who facilitate student’s learning should be familiar with various pedagogies and also how the child’s learning progresses from early to higher stages.

The system of education needs to provide enabling conditions so that each students can learn and progress at his own pace. The goal of environmental education is to allow people to explore environmental issues,solve problems, and improve the environment. Consequently individuals gain a deeper understanding of environmental issues and gain the ability to make informed and responsible decisions. The purpose of environmental education is not to support a particular viewpoint or course of action. Environmental education teaches individuals to weigh various sides of an issue in the context of critical thinking as well as increasing their problem-solving and decision-making abilities. Environmental education is a life long process.

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