



Educational implications of Buddhist education

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BUDDHISM (PABBAJJA)

- First ordination.
- It means going out of home into Buddhist order.
- At the age of 8 young disciple move out of their homes to live with their chosen guru.
- Minimum period of studentship is 12 years similar to brahminical system.



UPASAMPADA

- Final ordination
- After pabbajja a Buddhist monk had to undergo upasampada ceremony.
- Upasmapada means full status of manhood or bhishku
- This is performed at the age of 20 after the completion of 12 years of pabbajja.



Educational Implications

AIMS:

- To understand 4 noble truths of life
- To follow 8fold path to attain truth
- To understand the karma principle and cessation
- To realise world is full of miseries
- Service to humanity is the ultimate in one's life
- No self no god no soul
- To develop self determination, confidence , overcome passions.



EDUCATION

- Education was derived into two stages
 - Primary
 - Secondary
- **Primary education:**

It aimed at teaching, reading, writing and arithmetic.
- **Higher education**

At this stage students study a variety of subjects like literature, medicine, law, philosophy, politics, military science etc.
- **Medium** of instruction was in Pali.
- **Women education** :Buddha was opposite to education of women






CURRICULUM

The collection of literature is known as tripitakas

- Vinayaka pitaka
- Sutta pitaka
- Abhidhamma pitaka

The Tipitaka (3 Baskets)

Title	Purpose
Sutta 	Discourses, sermons given by the Buddha and some of his senior disciples.
Vinaya Pitaka 	Disciplinary code for the Order of monks and nuns.
Abhidhamma Pitaka 	Profound philosophy and metaphysics of the Buddha's teachings (Buddhist psychology).

METHODS

- Imitation
- Recitation
- Practical experience



DISCIPLINE

- Self discipline
- Students were expected to live in Buddha's eight fold path.
- Not to kill any living being.
- No to steal
- Not to tell a lie.
- Not to eat at improper time.
- Not to take intoxicant.
- Not to speak ill of anybody.
- Not to take interest in music dance etc.
- Not to use soft comfortable things, cosmetics.
- To be free from impure characters.





TEACHERS

- Bhikshu were teachers.
- They must have spent 10 years as monk and must have the purity of character.
- He must have high mental order
- There are two categories of teachers-Acharya and Upadhaya.
- Acharya admits number of people who live at his place for 12 years. he would not accept fees.
- Upadhaya imparts information on payment of fees.

Contributions to Indian Education

- Provisions of vocational education.
- Provisions of education of worldly subjects.
- Centre of international education
- Encouragement to local language.
- Provision of primary education.

