

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Concept of Elementary Education

Elementary Education is also known as **primary education**. It is the foundation of entire super structure of Education and Nation which we intend to build. Education is said to be the third eye of a man.

Meaning of Education according to Kothari Commission:-

According to Kothari Commission, Primary education can be divided into two sub-stages:-

Elementary Education

Lower Primary

Higher Primary

It is of four year duration. It is comprised of age group 6- 10

It is of 3 year duration. It is comprised of age group 11-14

Meaning of Elementary Education according to Five Year Plans:-

- ❑ The trend of Five year plans has been Plans has been to divide Primary Education into two stages. Thus Five year plans have given a concept of 8 year primary education.
- ❑ (1) A five year course comprising of age group 6- 11
- ❑ (2) A 3 year duration. It is comprised of age group 11-14

Meaning of Elementary Education according to Indian Constitution:-

- ❑ The Constitutional Directive to strive towards universal education of all children between the ages of 6-14 implies an 8 year course
- ❑ According to the constitution adopted by free India *“The State shall endeavour to provide within the period of ten years from the commencement of the constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years.”*

Meaning of Elementary Education according to National Policy of Education:-

There is 5 years of primary education and 3 years of upper primary education.

Structure of Primary/ Elementary Education at Present:-

1. Lower Primary Stage:- It includes children between 6-11 years of age group for classes between 1st to 5th

2. Higher Primary Stage:- This stage includes children between 11-14 years of age, and classes between 5th - 8th, in three year duration

Thus elementary/ primary education of a child spreads over 8 years of time as for children between 6-14 years of age in two segments i.e., lower primary and higher primary segments.

Objectives of Elementary Education

According to Regional Meeting of Karachi



According to Indian Education Commission /
Kothari commission



According to NCERT



In India present

Objectives of Elementary Education **According to Regional Meeting at Karachi**

According to Regional Meeting of Representatives of Asian members states on Primary and Compulsory Education held at Karachi in December 1959 and January 1960, the objectives of elementary education are:-

1. Mastery over the tools of learning
2. Harmonious development
3. Good citizenship and national integration
4. International understanding
5. Scientific attitude
6. Dignity of labour
7. Preparation for life

Objectives of Elementary Education **According to NCERT**

- Eradication of Illiteracy
- Attainment of numeracy
- Mathematics and science skill achievement
- Development of technocracy
- Development of National consciousness
- Development of healthy attitudes
- Development of healthy habits
- Development of healthy aesthetic sense
- Development of free expression and self-learning
- Development of useful citizen

Objectives of Elementary Education in India Present

- Knowledge of health related rules
- Knowledge of mother tongue
- Development of Values
- Participations of cultural activities
- Development of community feeling
- Opportunity of physical labour
- Awareness about environment pollution
- Respect, love and cooperation
- Mass literacy

Need and Importance of Elementary Education

The important needs and importance of Elementary Education are:-

- Enlightened citizens
- Development of healthy habits
- Spread of literacy
- Dignity of labour
- National integration
- All round of Personality
- Motivation
- Progress of country
- Education of common life
- Complete education for most children
- Mass education(the education which is compulsory for all as per his daily needs)