

Sociological Foundation of Education

Unit - 1:

Introductory Concept of Sociology of Education:

8. Relationship between Sociology and Education.

Ans:- Sociology and Education are two branches of knowledge, concerned essentially with man and his life. Relationship between Sociology and Education has always been a subject of debate. Education and Sociology are mutually interrelated and interdependent disciplines.

All societies have their own ways and means of meeting this need. The relationship of Education and Sociology can be cleared through following points.

- Sociology is the science of society and education in an implicit aspect of any social system.

- Sociology studies the structure and functions of social system, while education is one of the important functions of any social system.

- Education is the laboratory and workshop of Sociology.

- In the modern society, sociology generates the data base which is consumed by educational system to realize the goal of social life.

- Sociology develops the laws and principles which are adopted by the educational system for its improvement.

Sociological basis and curriculum:-

Educational sociologists have given valuable suggestions in relation to the reorganization of the curriculum which reflects the quality and quantity of education. From the sociological point of view, the primary concern of the curriculum is the development of 'we feeling'. Brown, Moore and Cote have pointed out the principles of constructing school curriculum from the point of view of educational sociology:

a) curriculum should be based on

Conditions, Problems and needs of Society. ②

- b) It should be based on the real concerns and problems of pupils.
- c) It should reflect the basic cultural values of the society it serves.
- d) It should prepare the child for the world society.
- e) It should prepare socially efficient individuals.

Teaching: Sociological basis and method of

From the sociological point of view, only those methods are good which will develop the democratic outlook, social behaviour and social values in the child. The effectiveness of learning for social competency depends on the suitability of motives and procedures. Educational sociologists suggest some methods of teaching such as the Dalton method, project method, group discussion, problem-solving and constructive thinking.

3. Nature of Educational Sociology:-

Ans:- Educational sociology is not limited to specific nature or specific period. Its nature is of universal type. Educational sociology is not merely ~~theoretical~~ theoretical. It does not merely study the forces of interaction between the individual and a society or group but it is also practical because, besides studying interacting forces it tries to regulate and control the interacting forces. Role of educational sociology is to find out ways and means to manipulate the educational process to achieved better personality development and thus obtain better social control. Educational sociology is the subject of constant and dynamic interaction of the individual and his cultural environment. It uses the results of sociological research in planning educational activities and in developing effective methods of realizing these plans.

- a) It helps in understanding the cultural, economic, social and political trends in relation to formal and informal agencies of education.
- b) Educational Sociology aims to develop a curriculum that will adequately socialize each individual student.
- c) It tries to find out what would best contribute towards the child's personality development and control the educative process to achieve personality development of each single child.
- d) Educational sociology study the various types of social relationships and their impact on individual development.

Thus nature of educational sociology is both theoretical and practical. It is the scientific study of how people live in social groups, especially study of the education that is obtained by living in social groups and the education that is needed by the members to live efficiently in social groups.
