EDUCATION: ITS SUBSTANCE AND FOREMOST PURPOSE

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According to John Dewey, “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” Concisely, education is the training ground for the students to be lifelong learners, be passionate, be ready to take risks, be able to analyze and solve problems critically, be able to look at things differently, be able to work independently and with others, be creative, careful and want to give back to their community, persevere, have integrity and self-respect, have moral courage, be able to use the world around them well, speak well, write well, read well, and work well with numbers, truly enjoy their life and their work.

Education is the spring board of the human soul. It is very much important for us to understand the purpose of having an education. One importance of education is having a reasoning against the illogical things around us. We’d never believe anything without a reason, if we only have a reason for it. Education will always keep us up with evolutions. We cannot cope with evolutions unless we are aware of them. Awareness comes from education. This will help us out in keeping our own mind. Therefore, an educated person would listen to all and do what suits him best. It is highly impossible to fool an educated person for it would take reasoning and logic to get him in the trap. Why education? Because for us to be happy, we need to feel good from within. It is only possible to have a stable mind and a balance life once we are self-dependent and has a reputable standing in the society through having a firm and genuine education.

Education enables us to deal with life as a whole, to have an independent life, to learn the lessons of equality, to procure a job and to earn a living, and most of all to have an inner – freedom of choosing a key to success. With this point of view, we, in the education sector believe that the transmission of knowledge is the primary purpose of
education while the transfer of knowledge from school to the real world is something that happens naturally as a consequence of possessing that knowledge.

The main role of education is to mold the mind of procuring the measures of a certain living to be aware of what is right and what is wrong. Beyond this role are the supporting functions which can justify and rationalize the essence, purpose and role of education in the lives of every individual. The first one is the acquisition of information about the past and present which is a good help in understanding the details of each of the purpose of existence. This will aid the students to formulate their own capacity to seek out alternative solutions and evaluate them by applying the process of problem solving. Through this, they will have the ability to evaluate information and to predict future outcomes by relating their own means of decision-making. Another one is the development of mental and physical skills as well as the knowledge of moral practices and ethical standards acceptable by society and culture. This will help the teachers and the students to form a healthy social and/or formal relationships. With the process of socialization, the manner of recognizing and evaluating different point of view with deeper respect of giving and receiving recognition as human beings is formed also. Understanding of having a sense of well-being, human relations and motivations, and acquisition and clarification of values related to the physical environment is the last one. This will direct the students to develop their own personality to become a good citizen for a fulfilling life. Through this, the progress and development of their self-realization, self-reflection, self-esteem and self-efficacy will be evident.

Generally, the roles of education will depend on the purpose and functions of it. Because a purpose is an expressed goal, more effort is put into attaining it. Functions are assumed to occur without directed effort. Roles are other conclusions that may occur as a natural result of the process of the broad idea of education.
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