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Introduction

Philosophy of education, from an academically point of view, can be defined as the study of education and its problems. It can be related to the education process or the educational discipline, which deals with achieving the goals of education, forms of education and the results of education and education processes, or it can be related to the philosophy of discipline which deals with the concepts, goals and forms of discipline. Tanash (2017) ¹defined the philosophy of education as the general frame by which the society uses, to build the integrated future education process, regarding the social and economic changes and variables so as to prepare its individuals for the behavioral, technical and educational process, by which the society is then designated. Marwan (2017)² defines the philosophy of education as the application of the philosophy approach to education; because of its role in determining the path of the process of education, and contribute to the adjustment and criticism and coordination to cope with cultural problems and conflicts, the philosophy of education also represents the effort used in the implementation of philosophical ideas in the environment of education, or seek to publicize the public philosophy within the components of education and then looking for values and knowledge. Philosophy of education establishes the basis for coordination of educational processes and makes them cope with society problems.

Brain storming is my philosophy of education, by which all students are given the same opportunity regarding their race, color and gender. By providing students with all possible resources and preparing the best environment for education either in school or at home, students

¹ Original text in Arabic

² Original text in Arabic

are capable of acquiring good education and they can participate in social development in the future.

I will present my ideas about the importance of education, discipline, online learning, in the answers of the following questions.

Questions and answers

1. What is the importance of education for a person and for society?

Answer:

“Science builds houses without pillars and ignorance destroys the houses of magnificence and generosity (Alqumber, 2012)³

Education is the knowledge of the secrets of the universe. God gave man the mind, by which he has management and employment of things around him for his success and prosperity. Education is the measure of the progress, pride and rise of nations. Without science, nations will remain at the tail of civilization and progress. Without science, we would not have been able to discover the cure of incurable diseases, we did not provide food and medicine to the population of the planet Earth. Without education, we wouldn't have explored the deep oceans and the planets around us for the sake of knowledge, without education, we would not have had the big leap in communications and technology which makes our life easier and worthy.

2- What resources are needed for education?

³ From Arabic poem

Answer:

Resources for education are the tools and aids that help teachers to teach and help students to learn. Throughout lifetime, humankind acquire education and knowledge through many resources. Before the child can read or speak, he acquires practical education from his parents by imitating them in their daily actions or by their direct guidance and teaching.

As the child grows, resources for education opens wide for him wherever he goes, from his friends, society, religious institutions and other organizations.

When the child enrolls at school, many educational resources are opened for him, these include text books, reference books, teacher guides, student guides, workshops laboratory experiments, maps, atlases.

At home, educational resources such as media tools like TV movies, social media, magazines and periodicals and many other resources opened in front of the student to enrich his education and knowledge.

Journeys and travelling are other resources for education as the students become opened on other cultures and civilizations.

Acquiring knowledge can be achieved by many resources such reading, experimenting, watching and hearing. The students with special needs such as blind and deaf students have developed their own resources for education, for example blind students depend much on other senses like hearing, touching and smelling as resources for their education.

2. What type of discipline is needed in education?

Answer:

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Every system has rules to insure that everything goes in the right direction and to ensure that individuals under the rules of this system can have the best of this system.

The education system enables individuals to acquire knowledge under certain rules developed by the educational process in order to provide the environment suitable for all those who wish to acquire knowledge and learning, without distinction between individuals in terms of race, color, gender and social level

Discipline is the procedures that is applied on those individuals who work against the rules of educational process and disturb the environment of learning. We have to differentiate between discipline and classroom management, as discipline is a nationwide process and applies for decades and generations. While classroom management is a process that depends on the teacher character and works on a small scale.

Discipline can be categorized into two types:

Physical discipline is the physical action of a teacher or school principal on students who misbehave, such as using a stick or other means. Although this type of punishment has stopped in many countries, it is still used in some private schools and in many countries. I think this kind of discipline is morally and religiously rejected, because it may increase bad behavior and destroy the student's personality and his respect to himself

3.1- Detention

Detention is a way of punishment in which the student is detained for some time either after school time or on holidays. This none corporal punishment is common in many countries as a way to

force discipline in schools. I believe that this kind of punishment may work well under certain circumstances if applied under control and for short time.

3.2- Suspension is a procedure that prohibits a student from attending school for a certain period. This may have a negative effect on the student, as the student spends his time on the streets and may deviate into street gangs and drug traffickers (Rawlinson, 2018). Or the student will spend his time in workshops where the child is exploited in the cheap labor market. This affects the student's level of science achievement and the level of acquiring knowledge of the student once he returns to school.

3.3- Counseling either by the school counselor or the family advisor is a good way to correct misbehavior of the student especially if done under the supervision of the parents and away from the student's colleagues.

3.4- Expulsion is the termination of the student education at school, it is the last form of discipline when all other forms have failed. Expulsion stands against Human rights and the right for education for all students. It may encourage some other students to misbehave to escape school and its regulations, so this action of discipline must be done after counselling with parents and if possible with legislative authorities. Excluded students can be collected in private classes or enrolled into vocational education to protect them from street gangs and drug traffickers and cheap working.

3.5- Restorative Justice is a form of discipline where the students are given the chance to discuss their conflict with the rules of school under the supervision of court or law enforcement, they are encouraged to remediate their behavior by admitting their mistakes and reevaluation of their actions. It is a new way of resolving problems rather than punishment. The restorative justice

focusses on building relationship between students and teachers and with the society as a whole, everyone feels that he has a role in building society values.

This action is important for the students as well as for the school and teachers, it will preserves the school discipline rules and preserve the student personality, also it is good for the society as it adds good members into society and prevents students from another misbehavior actions.

3. What are your views about distance education online?

Answer:

Education is very essential for the person and his career. In this competitive world, education is the only way for people to prove themselves and seek progress and prosperity. It was difficult for many people decades ago, to access education resources, and education was the privilege for those people who had scholarships or the rich people.

Thanks to technology inventions that made easy for anyone to access educational resource and educate themselves at home.

Distance learning is the new type of education designated to those who have lost their opportunity to enroll into a college, either they didn't have the money to afford for regular college education or they have enrolled into daily work and family duties, through which they have lost the time to enroll into colleges. By online education, new opportunities are opened for self-education for many people regardless of their age, physical situation, some colleges are restricted with a certain age for higher education, and regardless of their home place, and there is no need to travel from a continent to another to sit in a classroom or in a lab to have education.

Online education is a flexible tool for education, simply the student sits comfortable in his home at his time, he needs only a computer and an internet cable, and in some cases he may need special

software's for some courses, he then chooses the courses which he decides for his curriculum on his pace and his time. Online education is convenient as it saves time and money, the student is not obliged to travel or buy books and references, as online libraries opened for the student by the universities and colleges, and for example the online library at AIU site provides thousands of books, millions of articles and hundreds of periodicals, videos and webinars.

At last, my enrolment to AIU by online education, gave me the opportunity, which I have lost years ago, to have my high education degree. I am very proud of myself and I feel full of confidence as a student and in my age to start study for the PHD program. I have a new personality and a new style of scientific talk with my family and my colleagues at work.

Conclusion

Philosophy of education is the base on which education institutions depend for assigning plans and tools for the education process. It helps in clarifying the education activities and sorting them in a very useful way to accomplish the goals of the education process. It supports the compatibility between individuals and the environment so the education activities are reinforced upon changing environment.

The philosophy of education gives help to educators to understand and cooperate with the new concepts in education and supporting the education process by criticism and dialog.

The new resources of education such as online learning is spreading widely and becoming acceptable in many parts of the world, which is a very good leap in spreading knowledge and bringing education for all parts of the society regardless of their race, color, sex or social rank.

I am full of hope that illiteracy, ignorance and poverty on the whole planet will be eliminated over the coming years by the new means of education that are now available to all.

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