



## Value Education: Importance and Necessity in Modern World

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### ABSTRACT:

Value education forms an integral part of today's society as it is a basic building block for an all round development of society's youth who are the future of tomorrow's world. It is one of the important aspects of education which helps inculcate ethical behavior in developing as well as developed professionals. It is a must-have subject in all forms of education as it focuses on full-fledged development of each and every individual. Furthermore, it creates a confident and ethical human being socially, politically and culturally. Likewise, it helps individual grow beyond all the cultural and social differences. This research discusses the importance and necessity of value education in this vast growing and competitive society where every human wants to grow higher and stronger than another.

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### Introduction:

Education is the most important element because it promotes the knowledge of skill habits, values or attitude and understanding of the people and this develops a good citizen for a good society. Value comes from the Latin word Valerie, which means to be worth, to be strong. Values are inseparable from the life of an individual. Human development cannot be think of in the absence of values. The term value education is preferred to the traditional approach such as moral education. The entire process of value education is highly comprehensive and complex one that involves a variety of learning experiences.

### Importance of Value Education:

What are Values?

1. Values are the bricks which are used to build up the strong wall of character
2. The factors that control the behavior by governing the attitude of an individual are called as values
3. Values are behavioral aspirations to be followed up by the citizens
4. Sociological and philosophical ideologies are termed as values
5. The guiding vital principles that are traditionally proved favourable for physical and mental health as well as adaptation

Values are the authentic regulators of human behavior. Value education develop the competence of recognising the universality of human aims and aspirations. Values and character provide an ethical foundation to lead a meaningful life. Value education makes an essential contribution to long term prevention of human rights. It teaches us the common language of humanity.

Human life becomes more precious and peaceful with the help of value education. Values develop components of life and gives ethical foundation to mold and shape the character. Value education has become a matter of top priority not only at the national level but also at the global level. The importance of values and character formation in global context cannot be ignored. Western and Indian educational thinkers have given emphasis on character building. According to Dr Kothari "Destiny of India is being shaped in the classroom". This statement puts the responsibility of value education upon educational process.

It helps in making the right decisions in difficult situations, thus improving decision making. It inculcates students with essential values, awakens curiosity, develops their values and interests, thus helping them make the right choice in challenging circumstances.

It is important for the all-round development of an individual's personality. People who are educated can survive in the competitive world more precisely as compared to uneducated. It gives better opportunities and good work.

Values are important to developing human beings. Knowledge is life, the guide in learning the way that leads life from falsity to truth, from ignorance to wisdom, from mortality to immortality and, for that reason, it is value. In Indian culture there are many institutions for value education other than the

school, family's literate person teaches how to live and behave in society but it is not enough to develop a good personality. Education is an essential element for developing a good personality for a knowledge-based society.

From ancient times, value education has been a concern for Indian society. To bring values into today's society, for the all round development of human personality, the government of Maharashtra has introduced value education into the curriculum from standard Vth to Xth.

Value education encourages the human person to:

1. **Develop their Personal Model Codes and have a Concern for Others:** It develops an individual having some set of self-values and etiquette, along with that it gives individual to be confident about himself and helps inculcate a perspective to see and understand the problems of other individuals in an unbiased way and think about the best possible solution
2. **Reflect and Search for the Meaning and Patterns in their Experience:** This helps individuals to learn and develop themselves through the good as well as bad experiences/situations they have come across. Instead of failing due to some negative incidences, it helps individuals to develop a positive attitude and learning sense through every problem where they will always see an opportunity to grow and not to let go/fail. It provides a sense of analysing things statistically as well as analytically
3. **Have Self-respect and Respect for Commonly held Values such as Honesty, Truthfulness and Justice:** It develops a sense of self-respect in an individual and helps in identifying a thin line between self-respect and ego. It makes a person respect another person practicing the same set of values

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## Role of Teachers

Among the above, teachers have a very strong effect on the personality of the student. He has the talent curriculum in him which is learnt by the student silently. Value education will concentrate the people and masses against evil and this will make society and the nation value-awakened. Parents often expect too much from the teachers, but they both have equal responsibility for the personal development of their pupil and they should make an effort to create such an atmosphere in the family that the children do not experience value conflicts. The role of teacher and parents is a complementary one.

Values are the roots of a tree called "life" that contribute to the overall development of an individual. They give direction to value added quality of life. Promotion of human values depends on the promotion of good qualities. In Indian tradition and country, the place of teacher has been glorified. According to Japanese sayings, a poor teacher talks, an average teacher explains and an excellent teacher demonstrates, and a good teacher inspires.

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## Necessity of Value Education:

It is important to build students with strong values as they are the future of a constantly changing world. For an individual to be successful, one needs to have morals, ethics, a good character and behavior, etc. Developing values depends not only on an individual but also on the guidance provided to him/her starting from the early age of personal growth and which continues lifelong. We can understand the necessity of value education as follows:

1. **Values Create a Human-being with Manners, Good Behavior, Kindness, etc.:** Value for a human being is an asset for his/her lifetime. Values define an individual and change the point of view people look at you as a person. An educated person with good values is more valued as compared to a person who is only educated but does not have any values
2. **Values teach a Person to Listen and not just Hear, to Understand and not just Respond:** For a decision to be made, for a solution to work and a lot more things, an individual must have an ability to listen and understand in order to respond correctly. This can get inculcated in a person only when he/she has values and principles of life that in turn will make him/her patient enough to respect the opposite person and listen to what someone wants to convey
3. **Values make an individual be empathetic and not just sympathetic towards another living being:** With a fast changing world, the demands and expectations from an individual at the workplace, home, etc. are also increasing. For a human being to sustain this, he/she needs support from his peers and hence, everyone has to be empathetic rather than just sympathetic towards each other
4. **Values make an Individual Dependable, Trustworthy and Truthful:** An individual, to work with another individual or a group of people be it on a professional or personal level, needs trust and truthfulness in behavior which is ultimately obtained through values one has in his life
5. **Values Inculcate a Person with Emotional, Social and Cultural intelligence:** In this modern world where people do not care for each other and are hurt, the smallest of the things one needs to be very careful in his/her thoughts and actions so that it doesn't affect another individual and maintains integrity. It promotes critical and mindful thinking, thus resulting in good analytical skills and this ultimately leads to a better and positive lifestyle.

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**Conclusion:**

Values are the building blocks of life, they are part of education. Education and values are interdependent and inseparable. Education should lead to the inculcation of values and cherished values in society and provide direction for the educative process.

The present scheme of education should be modified so that moral values are inculcated in students from their early childhood itself. The scope of future education should be life building and character development. Academic excellence combined with value education will create a man with perfection in the ever changing world.

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