

LESSON 26

EDUCATION AND WORK

SUMMARY

There is a relationship between school subjects and profession or work to be taken up later. You must have often come across statements like “Education is necessary to get job” or “I want to work in this particular field but I don’t have the necessary qualification for it”. We will understand the relation between education and work here.

Education and Work

People go in for education not only for the sake of getting a job but also for enriching themselves. Education in any field primarily involves development of certain skills and competencies.

When the qualifications are advertised for a job, they are specified so that the person can use those skills which he/she has acquired over a period of time. The skills learnt and the work to be done is interrelated.

Choosing a vocational course helps you in gaining work or employment. Similarly, learning can take place in a non-formal setting also. However, you can further enrich yourself with latest technologies by going in for further courses of studies. This implies that education and work are closely related to each other.

The Process of Educational Choice

Choosing education is a process. Entry into the educational system itself starts with the process of choice making. Basically, one starts the choice from a general pattern of education to specified training.

General Education

General education is the education which aims at providing the students-elementary skills in reading, writing, and knowledge of physical, social and cultural environment, desirable attitudes, values and motivation. From primary to degree level and above, the main stream education is often considered general.

Students undergo special training for entry into their chosen occupation. Some of the institutions offering the required special training are listed in the next diagram.

The World of Work

Looking into the wide range of the occupations, the Govt. of India has brought out a publication which is known as the “National Classification of Occupations (NCO)”. The NCO has divided the world of work into the following 9 major areas:



Professional Institutions: provide higher education at the graduate and post graduate, e.g., medicine, law, technology etc.

Polytechnics: prepare the students as technicians and other similar professions like draftsman, junior engineer etc.



Institutes of Distance Education: these institutions provide education to students through distance mode while they can stay at their homes.

Commercial Institutes: Courses like typing, shorthand, book keeping, etc. are offered.



Craft Training Schools: These schools offer training in simple crafts like tailoring, weaving, embroidery, etc.

Specialized Institutions: Certain institutions are closely linked to the employment system, e.g., Training Institutions for Merchant Navy.



Job Opportunities

Like education, choosing a job is also a process. Each job has certain requirements related to age, education, personality, citizenship, gender physical, training, experience, legal requirements, licensing, etc.

Evaluate yourself

1. What are the different the institutions available for special training?
2. Discuss the categories of work given by “National Classification of Occupations (NCO)”.
3. What is general education?

Legislators, senior officials and managers.

Professionals.

Technicians and associate professionals

Clerks

Service workers and shop and market sales workers

Skilled agricultural and fishery workers

Craft and related trade workers

Plant and machine operators and assemblers

Elementary occupations