

ISLAMIC FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION

From the very earliest days of Islam, the issue of education has been at the forefront at the minds of the Muslims. The very first word of the Quran that was revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was, in fact, "Read". Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once stated that "Seeking knowledge is mandatory for all Muslims." With such a direct command to go out and seek knowledge, Muslims have placed huge emphasis on the educational system in order to fulfill this obligation placed on them by the Prophet ﷺ.

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AIMS OF EDUCATION

Preparation of the individual for future life. Religious knowledge for salvation.
Propagation of religious knowledge. Propagation of Islamic law and Islamic value system.
Islam is a very dynamic and practical religion which is totally different from other religions of the world. Islam wants a very active and dynamic person in the social order. The objectives of Islamic education for an individual and society are as follows:

- The basic aim of Islamic education is to enable a Muslim to have basic information that how to pray, fast, etc and what are the basic information in order to live an honorable life.
- Islam wants a person should be mentally, physically, and socially sound one in order to live a healthy life. Islam wants spiritually a balanced Muslim who can maintain balance between religious and social activities.
- Islam wants in a Muslim to have great love for Islam and be ready for all kind of sacrifices for Islam.
- One of the aims of Islamic education is to develop in a person the spirit of Muslim brotherhood and tolerance so that he/she could live harmonious life in society.
- Islam wants a fully informed person about social, political, and economic affairs of the contemporary world in order to play his/her role in collective affairs.
- Islam wants to bring simple life style in a person and society in order to avoid luxury.

CURRICULUM

Quran, The biography of Hazrat MUHAMMADﷺ, Laws of Islam, Arabic and Persian languages, Grammar, Literature, Logic, Philosophy, Astrology, History, Geography, Agriculture, Unani system of medicine, Sanskrit for Hindu children.

METHODS OF TEACHING

Psychologists say that the way you speak is actually more important than what you say. According to research, the words spoken contribute seven per cent of the effect; the tone of voice thirty-eight per cent; and the gestures and body language have fifty-five per cent of the effect in communication between people. Some methods of teachings according to islam was Memory method for memorization of various aspects of knowledge, Recitation method, reading method, Writing method, Oral methods.

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was the most effective orator of all the times. He knew how to address the hearts, and thus he became the beloved one of the hearts. He first made himself loved, and then sought the ways to educate people. He used a style in his speeches that affected people and made them think, so he achieved permanent behaviour change in people by means of the best educational methods.

- ✓ He rewarded and appreciated positive behaviours
- ✓ He used to give examples suitable to the topic
- ✓ He taught by practice
- ✓ He used to explain making use of drawings
- ✓ He used to repeat things
- ✓ He made learners write
- ✓ He used to criticize the behaviour not the agent

ROLE OF TEACHER

Teachers were used to be holy persons. Teachers used to develop a personality of the students using different methods. They used to follow the principles of reward and punishment. Medium of instruction used by teachers was Arabic and Persian. Student-teacher relationship were harmonious. Teachers used to behave like parents.

EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Education is sacred as it was Allah himself who educated the first man. More emphasis on reading and writing. Education is a continuous process. Education is not restricted to what went within the school. No gender restrictions in education.