

Introduction

To

Educational

Psychology

#### **Educational Psychology:**

• It involves the study that how individual <u>learn</u>, including topics such as <u>student outcomes</u>, <u>instructional process</u>, individual differences in learning, <u>gifted learners</u>, and <u>learning disabilities</u> (<u>dyslexia, ADHD, Dyscalculia</u>).

• It involves the study of memory, conceptual processes and individual differences.

## **Educational Psychology Importance:**

• This branch of psychology deals with that how an individual **learns** and **retain knowledge** in educational settings especially in the class room.

• It applies the psychological science to improve the learning process and promote educational success for all students.

# Three Educational Processes:

- Emotional Process.
- Social Process.
- Cognitive Process.

#### Focouse of Educational Psychology:

- Teaching method.
- Testing method.
- Learning problems.
- Social Problems.
- Behavioural Problems.

Problems may cause the obstacles in the learning process of children.

#### **Scope of Educational Psychology:**

- Its main focouse is on the primary level education.
- Because most of the researches are occur on the primary level students.
- But educational psychologist also helps the Adults as well.
- Also work in different child welfare organizations.

• Also work in the <u>orphan</u> <u>age</u> schools and institutes.

• Rehabilitation centres of children and adults.

• Also work in **Education Ministry** for the assistance of educational curriculum to make it developmental appropriate to the students.

## Two types of Psychology:

1. Basic Psychology.

2. Applied Psychology.

## 1. Basic Psychology:

- Branch of psychology in which we only get education.
- Theoretical based work is done in this.

## 2. Applied Psychology:

- Branch of psychology in which we apply all the basic knowledge in the practical field.
- In this we solve our problems practically. Educational psychology is its best example.

# Responsibilities of an educational psychologist:

- Make a focus on those students those are weak in studies and work on their weakness.
- Search the <u>learning disabilities</u> and then vanish them.
- Introduce the new educational strategies and improve the older once.

- Suggest the suitable syllabus.
- Resolve the **conflicts** between the teacher and students as well.
- Improve the **motivational level** of student which help them in their learning.
- To improve the environment of a class room.
- To <u>analyse</u> and <u>evaluate</u> the older methods of teaching and resolve the mistakes of older methods.

• Tell the students about the new sources of knowledge like magazines, books, internet, novlets, news papers, articles etc. and **generate** the **new sources** of knowledge as well.

#### **History:**

- Its starts from the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Edward Lee Thorndike is the father of educational psychology.
- In 1903 he published a book name 'Educational Psychology'.
- In 1910 he published a journal name 'Journal of Educational Psychology'.
- He was a Behaviourist.
- He gave the 'Laws of learning'.

# Laws of learning:

- Law of Exercise
- Law of effect.
- Law of readiness.

#### Law of exercise:

According to this law those things that are most often repeated are the best.

#### Law of effect:

According to this law any response that needs an out put come that is satisfying for an individual is likely to be repeated.

#### Law of readiness:

According to this law individual learns best when they are physically, mentally and emotionally ready to learn.

