Part of Syllabus Showing Course 9: Creating Inclusive School

Unit 5: Issues, Concerns and Trends in Assessment and Evaluation

- a) Existing Practices: Unit tests, half- yearly and annual examinations, semester system, Board examinations and Entrance tests
- b) Management of assessment and examinations, Use of question bank
- c) Issues and Problems: Marking v/s Grading, Non-detention policy, Objectivity v/s Subjectivity, Impact of entrance test and public examination on teaching and learning the menace of coaching
- d) Trends in assessment and evaluation: Online examination, Computer-based examination and other technology based examinations

Sessional Work

Assignment (Any two of the following)

- 1. Planning of an achievement test
- 2. Planning of other assessment tools
- 3. School visits followed by presentation on evaluation practices in schools
- 4. Data processing and interpretation of any achievement test of school students
- 5. Presentation of papers on issues and concerns / trends in assessment and evaluation

Suggested Readings:

- Bransford, J., Brown, A.L., & Cocking, R.R. (Eds.). (2000). *How people learn: Brain, mind, experience, and school*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press.
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- NCERT(1985). Curriculum and Evaluation, New Delhi:NCERT
- Newman, F.M. (1996). Authentic achievement: Restructuring schools for intellectual quality. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.
- Nitko, A.J. (2001). Educational assessment of students (3rd Ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Course 10: Creating an Inclusive School

Course Objectives:

The learners will be able to

- 1. Demonstrate knowledge of different perspectives in the area of education of children with disabilities
- 2. Reformulate attitudes towards children with special needs
- 3. Identify needs of children with diversities
- 4. Plan need-based programmes for all children with varied abilities in the classroom
- 5. Use human and material resources in the classroom
- 6. Use specific strategies involving skills in teaching special needs children in inclusive classrooms

- 7. Modify appropriate learner-friendly evaluation procedures
- 8. Incorporate innovative practices to respond to education of children with special needs

Unit 1: Paradigms in Education of Children with Special Needs

- a) Historical perspectives and contemporary trends
- b) Concept and philosophy of special education, integrated education and inclusive education
- c) Legal and Policy Perspectives The Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992, Constitutional Provisions: Persons with Disability Act 1995, Right to Education Act, 2009, National Policy-Education of Students with disabilities in the National Policy on Education, 1968, 1986, POA (1992), Education in the National Policy on Disability, 2006.
- d) Special role of institutions for education of children with disabilities-Rehabilitation Council of India, National Institute of Different Disabilities- Composite Regional Centres (CRC), District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs), BRCs and CRCs under SSA, NGOs.

Unit 2: Defining Special Needs

- a) Understanding diversities- concepts, characteristics, classification of children with diversities (Visual impairment, Hearing impairment, Specific learning difficulties- locomotor and neuromuscular disorders, Mental retardation, Autism, Leprosy cured persons, Mental illness and Multiple disabilities)
- b) Special needs in term of the curriculum in the context of different disabilities and their learning styles
- c) Concept of an Inclusive Education- infrastructure and accessibility, human resources, attitudes to disability, whole school approach
- d) Community based education

Unit 3: Inclusive Practices in Classroom for All

- a) School's readiness for addressing learning difficulties, making learner's profile
- b) Making learning meaningful- responding to special needs by developing strategies for differentiating content, curricular adaptations, lesson planning and TLM
- c) Pedagogical strategies to respond to individual needs of learners- Cooperative learning strategies in the classroom, peer tutoring, social learning, reflective teaching, multisensory teaching
- d) Supportive services required for meeting special needs in the classroom- special teacher, speech therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, counsellors
- e) Development and application of learner-friendly evaluation procedures; Different provisions for examination by CBSE and State Boards; Documentation, Record keeping and maintenance

Sessional Work

- **Assignment** (Any two of the following)(Concerned teacher can devise assignment as per requirement of the course)
 - 1. Identification of children with Special Needs
 - 2. Teaching one child with special needs
 - 3. Adaptation of curriculum and methods to teach one child with special needs
 - 4. Visit to one institution dealing with disabled children and writing its' report
 - 5. Establish the cell to identify children with special needs

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