National Institute of Education, Meepe
PGDEM Program 2020: Current Issues in Education

Assignment

Identify a current issue in education which is affecting quality and relevance of education and needing early solutions. An illustrative list of topic areas for identification of current issues is given below as a guide. Students are not required to confine themselves to these illustrative topics.

Students must select a topic, identify the issue, and develop a theme where possible, for the writing of the paper.

Example: Topic area: Curriculum implementation
Issue: Should the implementation of GCE (OL) curriculum provide students with a greater freedom of choice of subjects?
(Writer may examine the reasons for greater student freedom as well as the factors restraining freedom)

In your written paper, you will:

1. Briefly state the current issue. Often, issues are gaps in implementation of policies/guidelines/circulars. Issues can also be seen as gaps between the current situation and desirable situations. In issues, some stakeholders are affected or lose opportunities.

2. Provide evidence to describe the issue, and its importance. Who is affected by it (stakeholders) and in what ways?

3. Describe and discuss the relevant factors determining the issue – its nature and continuity

4. What remedial action do you suggest? How would you use your learning in study programs? Examine both pros and cons of arguments.

5. Any other considerations?

Required:

1. Length: 10-12 pages (2,500 – 3,000 words), typed, spacing 1.5.
2. References in APA Style; Typing in point 12.
3. Conformity with the requirements of professional writing and presentation (including cover page and page margins) as given in NIE Guidelines given to you in the first week
4. At least 5 references, published during the last 8 years, in APA style
5. All pages numbered
6. Due on 16.03.2020
7. Lateness will be counted for deducting 5% per day.

Presentation in class: Use of a PowerPoint Presentation is recommended. The time for presentation is 10 minutes, and the number of presentation slides must not exceed 12. Slides must be innovative in design, and present the Issue, Analysis, Your views, Conclusions/Suggestions.

Assessment: 60% for presentation; 40% for written paper.
TOPIC AREAS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES IN EDUCATION (Illustrative)

1. **Design of Education**
   - Curriculum design
   - Supervision
   - Teachers’ role
   - Role of students, motivation, practices
   - Use of IT
   - Learning environment
   - Student participation in co-curricula activity

2. **Operations**
   - Resource availability
   - Efficiency and effectiveness of schools
   - Financial management

3. **School Environment**
   - Role of parents
   - Role of Education Zone
   - Role of private tuition
   - Role of private schools

4. **School Administration**
   - Role of principal as instructional leader
   - Principal’s role as school manager
   - Management of classroom
   - School development planning
   - School development society
   - Teacher training and development

5. **Effectiveness of Schools**
   - Examination success and failure
   - School dropouts
   - Private sector competition
   - Popular Schools Concept
   - Attraction of good teachers/male teachers
   - Rewarding teacher performance

6. **Education Policy and Planning**
   - Education reform strategies
   - Role of external supervision
   - The role of NIE
   - Measures to improve education quality
   - Measurement of school quality