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## A Study of Effectiveness of the Curriculum, "Value Education: Fundamentals"

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### ABSTRACT

In order to re-establish the golden age of the Indian culture, it is excessively essential to attach supreme importance to Spiritual Quotient in the present system of education. Education is the supporting pillar of human culture and decency, progress, transformation and inspiration. But in the present age of materialistic and physical progress, man has lost his humanity. In the country, there are large scale productions because of science and technology but man's heart remains empty. It is highly essential that education should create a value-oriented society and bring about all-round development of individuals. But in the present system of education, these noble and significant goals have remained far behind in the race. If we receive 'Spiritual Education' to gather with the regular education, it will revolutionize human thinking and its level. It will enlighten the world education with this very faith, YCM Open University has implemented a new curriculum, "Value Education: Fundamentals", and has verified its success and effectiveness. Those conclusions have been supplied in this paper.

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### Introduction

'Spiritual education' and 'Religious education' are not the same. They are not co-terminus concepts. Our forefathers who formulated moral and ethical principles, were not sure of distinction between those two concepts, and therefore, they did not attach significance to spirituality special abilities of decision making and judgment making spirituality never opposes temporal and physical progress on the contrary, Spirituality provides proper guidance and makes human life tension-free. In the present education system, Spiritual education is a very urgent need of the hour.

It is always beneficial to impart Spiritual education to learners studying at the primary and secondary school levels. During these periods and stages of development the mental set up of students is highly significant due to the plasticity of mind. They are mentally active and sensitive. Therefore, those periods are very crucial for proper development of personality and inculcation of values. It is because of such Spiritual Education, an individual overcomes and crosses all the obstacles of religion, caste, language and sex, and fulfills all his/her obligations and duties. In fact, true education is always selfless. Spiritual education is highly essential at the present times. If need to be incorporated into the school syllabus. Spiritual education makes the road to the personality development spacious and excellent.

### Goals of Education

Education is a dynamic process. The most significant goal of education is to develop internal and latent abilities and talents of individuals, and to help them to achieve balanced personality. But at present, education has turned out to be tool for earning livelihood, bread and butter. Education regarding material affairs of life is no doubt, necessary but it does not promote the cause of innovative society, it does not bring about a social renaissance. Human society, heavily depends on human relationships and in order to make human relationships noble and excellent, value-oriented education is essential. We cannot afford to sacrifice and do away with values for materialistic progress and extension. When values are renounced, materialism gives birth to ignorance and chaos. It leads to unwholesome tendencies such as social violence, corruption, fatal deaths, environmental pollution, and addictions to drugs etc. such social evils spread like wild fire and man reaches the stage of total destruction and annihilation. Therefore, 'Creation of value-oriented society' should be the chief goal of education. Spirituality and science could come together, work in unison, and then, it is possible to create the value-oriented society. Practical possession of values through the experience of one's own spirit and the experience of the Supreme Soul i.e. God should be scientific experimentation for Satisfying biological needs of man. The modern youth needs to be internally and spiritually strong so that it is easy for them to lead this life honestly and nobly well.