

WEEK 8

TOPIC : INTRODUCTION TO CIVIC EDUCATION

Civic education or citizenship education is that subject that teach Nigeria youths their duties and right to become good followers and responsible future leaders. It indicates in them the right values, positive attitudes and behaviour that are embraced in the society.

Civic education expose students to necessary awareness of democratic values that will enable them make useful contribution to social – political development of their nation in particular and the world at large.

NEEDS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

1. It inculcates in its scholars the relevance of nationalism and patriotism as well as solution to the multi – dimensional problems of Nigeria.
2. It inculcates in them the consciousness and awareness of democratic values, social political institutions and citizens rights and duties to the society.
3. To assist the governments in serving the citizens well by providing basic infrastructural facilities that will rise their standard of living.
4. To re-orientates the citizens to imbibe positive values that will assist the economic growth and development throughout the nation
5. To educate citizens on how to fight for their right if any government goes contrary to the constitution.

OBJECTIVES OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The school is a place where students come to acquire knowledge for potential actualization and self development. The following are the importance of civic education in schools:

- a. To receive instruction and learn about emergency of issues; so that student will be able to solve them.
- b. To emphasize the instruction of government, its functions and responsibilities to the people and vice-versa.
- c. To promote inter-relationship between man/woman, man/man, woman/woman, the government and the society.
- d. To assist the student in acquiring knowledge, attitudes, values and basic skills to become responsible and disciplined citizens.
- e. To enable student realise day to day societal living at their critical age of thinking and reasoning about the happenings around them.
- f. To enable student raise up and defend the course of justice when the government fails to perform their duties.

IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO NATION BUILDING

Nation building involves promoting national unity, national integrity and national consciousness. Thereby enhancing national development for a country to develop, the

citizens must know their rights and responsibilities and how to fight for those rights when violated by government or individual

The following are the importance of citizen education

1. It moves citizens to be particular in politics and social economic activities of the country.
2. It enables students to understand the government and as a result take part in the decision moving process of the country.
3. It reminds the student that democracy is the best form of government and by this, citizens are able to form pillars of democracy across the Nation.
4. It enables its scholars to acquire positive values that will assist them to be well behaved, courageous and responsible in their activities and relationship with members of the society.

VALUES

Values can be defined as the monetary and non – monetary worth of a thing, but it is appropriate to define in the perspective of the subject matter – civic education. We may define it as the esteem quality of or importance which a person or group give to certain ideas or belief accepted and maintained by individual and the society they live in. value again can be the setoff moral principle and standard guiding our interactions with people in the society.

Value points out things that are good and constructive and this should be these instilled in a good or a active citizens. It solves human and societal problems like; corruption, terrorisms, cultism, thuggery, robbery etc. Its emanates from what a group or society accept as a standard of behaviour and ideals as it sources include the family, the environment, its people and so on.

TYPES OF VALUE

The following are types or forms of values

- a. Selflessness
- b. Hard work
- c. Discipline
- d. Justice
- e. Love
- f. Contentment
- g. Integrity etc.

SELFLESSNESS: This is the ability to work for and care for other people more than one self. Late Chief Ganiyu Fawehinmi, got an unofficial titled Senior Advocate of the Masses (SAM) as he fought and stood for justice and the eradication of man's humanity against man.

JUSTICE: This is being fair, reasonable and right in meeting people. It is the absence of favouritism, bias or sentiment in dealing with issues of conflict between two or more

people. From the foregoing we can say that human society exist without justice and be at peace.

Assignment

1. Discuss at least four (4) values showing their attributes manifestation .
2. Outline five (5) objectives of civic education.