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B.Ed. I Year

F.3 : Conceptual Foundations of Education

Topic: Maria Montessori's Ideas on Education

Week : 11.05.20 to 16.05.20

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E-Teaching-Learning Method Used: The Online session via Zoom app was conducted using a self-prepared power-point presentation on the given topic. Students were encouraged to participate in the discussion session during the power-point presentation to enable a comprehensive and critical understanding of the given topic.

Suggested References/Links:

- Montessori, Maria. (2012). The Absorbent Mind. New Delhi: Aakar Books
- Montessori, Maria. 1965 Spontaneous Activity in Education New York: Schocken Books
- <http://docshare02.docshare.tips/files/29640/296403692.pdf>

Based on the above mentioned online session and the suggested references, students are expected to attempt the following questions:

1. How do you understand Discovery as a pedagogical alternative according to Montessori's educational philosophy?
2. What are the characteristics of 'absorbent mind' as described by Montessori? How does this understanding help a teacher in providing the opportunities to learn through discovery?

3. What is the significance of didactic apparatus in the process of education under Montessori's educational philosophy?
4. How can discovery be understood as a methodological option with reference to Montessori's description of intellectual growth among children?
5. Critically discuss the key ideas of Maria Montessori's philosophy and their educational implications in the current educational context.