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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This is the third course in Education for the fourth semester of two year Master Degree Level. The course consists of two blocks. This course primarily will deal with the basic concepts of developmental aspects of human being. As we know that human life is marked by sequential phases with certain behavioural changes brought by growth and development. This course will introduce you with the basic concept of developmental psychology and different stages of human life marked by significant behavioural changes. The first section of the course will introduce you with the concept, method of developmental psychology and the initial stages of human life. The second section of this course will help you to get acquainted with most challenging stages of human life and its allied aspects. After going through this course, you will have a clear picture how an individual is born and developed through different stages of human development.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

This is the first block of this course. It comprises of total eight units of the course. The **first Unit**- ***"Developmental Psychology"*** deals with the meaning and nature of developmental psychology as an important branch of general psychology. The **second unit**- **"*History of Developmental Psychology*"** covers the life –span of an individual. The **third unit**- **"*Methods of Studying Development-I"***, and the **fourth unit "*Methods of Studying Development-II*"** deals with the basic methods of studying human behavior. The **fifth unit "*Pre-Natal Development*"** covers the developmental changes that occur in a fetus since conception to birth. The **sixth unit- "*Development of New Born Infant"*** deals with the new born babies' developmental characteristic*.* The **seventh unit "*Development through the First Year"*** covers the first year of human development. The **eight** and **last unit** of this block ***"Development in the Toddler"*** explains about different developmental characteristics of toddler.

While going through this block, you will come across some boxes in the middle of the text. These boxes will explain you more about some important points and concept within the text. Apart from this, there will be some broad and short questions which have been included under **"ACTIVITY"** and "**CHECK YOUR PROGRESS"** in every unit. Activities will increase your thinking and reasoning capacity as questions put in **ACTIVITY** are not directly derived from text. Hints on the answer to the short questions have been put under section **"ANSWER TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS"** .Besides, a few text-related questions have been out in **"POSSIBLE QUESTIONS/ MODEL QUESTIONS".** These questions will help to draw your attention on the probable topics for the examinations so that you can prepare for the examination with confidence and determination.

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