The word education is derived from a Latin word meaning bring up or to bring out what is inside or within. For example to bring out a talent or a potential. Being a word with different meanings depending on how its being used, education has therefore been used to describe different concepts that have to do with acquiring of knowledge, these differences come by as a result of various situations or experiences of cause depending on what the particular subject is (Cole 5).

The most wide spread meaning of education is the process of acquiring of knowledge by means of learning or teaching in an institution of learning. Simply education in this case is a process in which the society impacts knowledge to an individual hence equipping his or her mind through values, skills and above all knowledge, which is the main reason why we all want to have an education (Cole 14).

It has already been made a basic human right since 1952 therefore all humans beings are entitled to an education regardless of religion, age or even race.

The process of education involves teachers and students where the teacher gives instructions by facilitating concepts trough a set of instructions or otherwise. The teacher then involves real life instructions that are meant for impacting learning skills to this student and then in the same breath the teacher prepares the learners with skills, abilities and knowledge that can be of use when the student has completed the stage (Cole 17).

All this is done through a simple process of writing, listening and speaking and through this a learning environment is officially created just by this simple interaction method between the teacher and the students (Cole 21).

This type of education has to go through certain levels so that one can be considered to have completed. It contains the first step of primary or elementary education which takes about eight years to complete starting from age five or six depending on the country.

The second stage is the secondary education which comprises of education through ones’ adolescent years. Its mostly meant for preparing the young adults for professions.

The third stage is the higher education or post secondary education which is not compulsory. This type of education is given in colleges and universities where degrees, certificates or diplomas are attained. With this now a student can now look for work with the attained certificates in hand (Cole 22).

Apart from the basic knowledge of education as a learning process in involving a Teacher and the students where knowledge is impacted, some people also have a totally different view of the term education where in this case it’s the alternative education. it’s a special situation where people learn other things apart from the traditional type of school and by this it means that it could involve different age groups for instance teenage girls who can be brought together to learn about early teenage pregnancies, people with various forms of disabilities. It
also incorporates forms of education that are for a general audience using alternative methods that include philosophy, or political angles. This type of learning often promote togetherness and a sense of community bonding, this is because it consists of smaller groups that bring togetherness between the students and teachers (Cole 34). What makes this type of education different is the content of the material they learn, this is because as opposed to the compulsory education, this form involves strong philosophical, political and scholarly content which as compare the compulsory education, is a bit more advanced and individualized and this is because it deals with specific fields. In addition to that there is also the now famous adult education which ahs taken the world by storm. This type of education involves the adults that did not get a chance to learn some of these things in their earlier school lives so they opt to take up this type of learning in their adult lives. It has become very common in most countries. It takes two forms that involve directing one-self or just being in a normal class. It is also available thru the internet where several courses such as bookkeeping can be studied (Cole 34). Although all these forms of education differ and especially when it comes to the levels, it all comes down to the same argument; that education is attaining of knowledge and skills through a process of learning and at the end of the day it all goes down to the skills attained that help us in our day to day lives thus helping in improving our physical, emotional, and psychological well being.

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