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PREFACE

Both Education and Society are mutually inter-related and inter-dependent as they both influence and complement each other. An ideal society can never be conceptualized without a strong foundation of education. Undeniably, some of the essential functions of education are socialization, social control, social placement, and transmission of culture, promotion of social and political integration and above all serving as a potent agent of social change and transformation. For any educational philosopher and practitioner, it is vital to understand how education as a social institution affects the individual and at the same time, the crucial role educational systems play in shaping of society as a whole.

“Sociological Perspectives of Education” with its focus on the socio-educational dynamics encourages all of us to re-visit the world we have always taken for granted and facilitate evaluation of our social environment with the same zeal and curiosity that we might have for an exotic foreign culture. It examines the relationship between education and society and helps us look at Education through sociological lens or point of view. This book will serve as an essential guide to all the educators and research scholars working in the domain of Education and Educational Sociology. It will also be beneficial for the teacher educators as well as the aspiring teachers (presumably expected to be self-motivated and life-long learners) in instilling cultural appreciation, respect, and admiration towards diversity, and more in-depth knowledge about different cultures and other social groups through the patterns in education within them.

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