

BEST EDUCATION SYSTEM

Education is of paramount importance to an individual as well as society. It grabs basic understanding about civilization and students' role as civilians. Advance countries provide the best education in the world's future leaders.

We, as citizens of Pakistan raise hue and cry all the time that our education system stands at nowhere in the world and produce just crammers but none of us ever gives the best education system or at least tells its salient features.

First of all we should define education. Remember that education is all one with growing. It aims at bringing out the ideas of universal validity which are latent in the mind of every man. It is the process of training man to fulfil his aim by exercising as a member of society. Now we come to education system. There are more than 20 systems working in the world but IGCSE, O' Level and IB are very popular and common. Main features of all the three are compared below:-



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S.No.	IGCSE	O' Level	IB (International Baccalaureate)
1.	It was introduced in 1988. It offers more than 70 subjects	It was introduced in 1986 and offers more than 50 subjects	It was founded in 1968 and offers different programmes, e.g. the primary years program, the middle year program etc.
2.	It does not have Urdu language in syllabus	It has Urdu as compulsory subject in Pakistan	It is flexible and allows students to focus their projects and assignment on the country of their choice. Students have the option to learn more than one language
3.	Its focus is oral test and practical exams	Its focus is written work and practicals	Each IB Program has written projects that are required for students to graduate
4.	Its minimum compulsory subjects are five i.e. English, Maths, Science / commerce	Its minimum compulsory subjects are eight i.e. English, Urdu, Isl, Maths and Science / Commerce	Diploma students take part in Creativity Action Service. It has six subject groups which require engagement in the arts, physical education and community service
5.	Here course work is quite less	Its course work is lengthy	IB students must study theory of knowledge, which is an examination of different types of knowledge
6.	It has open ended questions	It has mostly close ended questions	The course is assessed through an oral presentation and a 1600 word essay
7.	Its grade system is the following:-	Its grade system is following:-	IB test are graded on a scale of 1- 7, with 7 being the highest possible score and 4 being the passing.

Grade	GPA	Grade	GPA	IB grade	Converted % grade
A+	4 – 4.3	A*	90%	7	99 -100
A	4	A	80%	6	92 – 98
B	3.7	B	70%	5	84 - 91
C	3	C	60%	4	77 – 83
D	2.3	D	50%	3	70 – 76
E	2	E	40%	2	50 – 69
F	1.3	F	30%	1	Failing grade
					8. Students select one topic and spend almost a year working on it. They have less guidance and much more independence
					9. Its exams test students' knowledge and not their memory and speed

The above mentioned comparison shows that IB system is the best education system. Its teachers adopt the following 5 main techniques

1. Practicals
2. Gamification
3. Flipped classroom
4. Real world learning
5. Role Play

Its curriculum makes students thinkers, communication, reflective, well balanced and researchers.

If we want to give Pakistan the best education system, IB may prove the best but it should be opted phase wise. It will build a brighter future for our nation's students as professionals and as citizen which hinges on its ability to providing students with the skills to obtain well-paying valued careers.

