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# Preface

This book explores the intricate relationship between education, its policies, and the broader societal frameworks of politics and economics. It delves into key committees and commissions that have shaped teacher education and national education policies over time. It covers the following significant contributions:

## **Committees and Commissions' Contributions**

The book examines various influential committees and commissions that have impacted the educational landscape, including: The Secondary Education Commission (1953), The Kothari Education Commission (1964-66), The National Policy of Education (1986, 1992), National Commission on Teachers (1999) and National Curriculum Framework 2005, Reports from the National Knowledge Commission (2007) and Yashpal Committee (2009), Recent efforts like the National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education (2009) and Justice Verma Committee Report (2012) are also covered, addressing teacher training and educational justice.

## **Relationship Between Policies and Education**

The book provides an in-depth look at the connection between educational policies and national development, highlighting how education policies are influenced by national priorities. It outlines the process of policy formulation, which includes analyzing the current situation, generating and evaluating policy options, making decisions, planning implementation, and assessing the policy's impact.

## **Economics of Education**

A section is devoted to the economic aspects of education, discussing concepts like: Cost-Benefit vs. Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, Economic returns to Higher Education, and theories like Signaling Theory and Human Capital Theory, Educational Finance, both at micro (institutional) and macro (national) levels, and the role of budgeting in educational planning.

## **Politics and Education**

The book explores the political dimensions of education, covering various perspectives such as liberal, conservative, and critical views. It discusses educational approaches from the perspectives of Behavioralism, Systems Analysis Theory, and Rational Choice Theory, highlighting the role of education in political development and political socialization.

This comprehensive book provides a holistic view of how history, politics, and economics shape the education system, making it an essential resource for anyone studying the multifaceted nature of education policy and its societal impact.

This book is designed for academic and competitive purposes, making it highly recommended for UG, PG level Education students, B.Ed., M.Ed., NET/SET aspirants, and those preparing for SSC exams. The main points are carefully highlighted to ensure a complete understanding of the concepts, aiding learners in grasping complex ideas with ease.

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