**Define environmental education/ meaning of environmental education.**

Environmental education is a new area of study which has evolved under the discipline of education. Now a days, our environmental problems are increasing day by day. So, environmental education is an attempt to make the people conscious about various environmental problems and increase knowledge and develop desirable attitude, awareness, understanding and skill towards natural and man-made surrounding necessary for total human development and living facilities. It comprises of various environmental issues that demand knowledge and skill to deal with effectively. In present days, environmental education is an important segment within the educational system in the developed and developing countries.

Environmental education is a dynamic process which has been defined in various ways. A few definitions of environmental education are mentioned below:

* Mishra (1993), defined wnvironmental education as, ‘‘Environmental education appears to be a process that equips human beings with awareness, knowledge, skills, attitudes and commitment to improve environment.’’
* R.A. Sharma (1996) says, ‘‘Environmental Education refers to the awareness of physical and cultural environment and perceive its relevance for real life situation. The problems and issues are to be identified. The imbalances of environment are to be improved in view of sustainable development.’’
* American States Conference on Education and Environment (1971) defines Environmental Education as, ‘‘Environmrntal Education involves teaching about value judgements and the ability to think clearly about complex problems- about the environment- which are as political, economical and philosophical as they are technical.’’

From above discussion, it can be said that environmental education is an educational concept which considers the environment as a scientific and aesthetic resource to be used in a lifelong educational process and making people knowledgeable and aware of the environment and its problems as well as their own role in environmental conservation, preservation and management. Environmental education may be described as education for the environment, education about the environment and education through the environment.