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THE NEED FOR INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGICAL PARADIGMS IN THE PROCESS OF EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

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Abstract. This article analyzes the necessity and significance of innovative pedagogical paradigms in the process of educational reforms. It substantiates the objective need to transition from traditional approaches to innovative pedagogical models in the modernization of the contemporary education system. The article examines constructivist, competency-based, and learner-centered paradigms, while also identifying the priority directions for renewing pedagogical thinking in the context of digital transformation.

Keywords: innovative pedagogy, educational reforms, pedagogical paradigm, competency-based approach, digital education, learner-centered education, constructivism.

Introduction. The education system in the 21st century is undergoing fundamental changes. In the context of technological progress, globalization, and the transition to a knowledge economy, traditional pedagogical approaches are no longer sufficient. Today, it is necessary to form a learner not only as a learner, but also as a competent person who thinks critically, solves problems, and is armed with a creative approach. In the process of educational reforms, the transition to innovative pedagogical paradigms is emerging as one of the important requirements for the development of modern society.

While the traditional reproductive education model is aimed at students' assimilation of ready-made knowledge only, innovative pedagogical paradigms serve to develop the individual's independent thinking, creativity, communication, and effective decision-making competencies in problem situations. In this regard, competency-based, constructivist, and person-oriented pedagogical paradigms are recognized as the methodological basis of modern educational reforms.

Relevance of the topic. The need for innovative paradigms in world pedagogical science has been substantiated by numerous scientific studies. In particular, J. Dewey interpreted education as an active process related to life and considered it important for the student to form knowledge based on practical experience. The constructivist theories of J. Piaget and L. Vygotsky emphasized that knowledge is not given in a ready-made form, but is formed by the student in the process of active cognitive activity. B. Bloom's taxonomy also indicates the need to use innovative pedagogical technologies aimed at developing high-level thinking skills. The concept of "Lifelong Learning" developed by UNESCO also defines continuous education, adaptive competencies and personal development as a priority area of modern pedagogy.

The need for innovative pedagogical paradigms is explained, first of all, by the processes of digital transformation. Since today's representatives of the Z and Alpha generations are being formed in an environment of digital technologies, their mechanisms for receiving and processing knowledge are significantly different from previous generations. Therefore, the need to use interactive methods, multimedia tools, artificial intelligence technologies, adaptive educational platforms and individual learning trajectories in the educational process is increasing. The results of international PISA, TIMSS and PIRLS studies also show that innovative pedagogical approaches are widely used in countries with high quality education. In particular, in the education systems of

Finland, Singapore, South Korea and Canada, competency-based and person-oriented paradigms provide effective results.

Also, scientific research in the field of neuropedagogy and cognitive psychology further strengthens the scientific foundations of innovative pedagogical paradigms. Studies on brain activity, emotional intelligence, motivation, reflection and cognitive load confirm the effectiveness of organizing the educational process in accordance with individual characteristics. On this basis, modern pedagogical paradigms interpret the educational process not only as a means of imparting knowledge, but also as a mechanism for developing the intellectual, social and creative potential of the individual.

Literature analysis. The issue of innovative pedagogical paradigms in the process of educational reforms is one of the most widely studied scientific areas in world pedagogical science. A number of scientific studies have been conducted on this problem by foreign and local scientists on the modernization of educational content, the development of a competency-based approach, and the improvement of digital pedagogy and person-centered educational technologies.

Among foreign researchers, J. Dewey justified the need to organize education on the basis of social experience and activity, and his pragmatic pedagogy concept served as a methodological basis for the formation of innovative paradigms. The scientist put forward the principle of supporting the student's independent activity in the educational process and "learning by doing". J. Piaget's theory of cognitive development justifies the assimilation of knowledge by students not in a ready state, but through an active intellectual process. L. Vygotsky, developing a socioconstructivist approach, showed the importance of cooperation and communication in student activity through the theory of the "zone of proximal development". The taxonomy developed by the American scientist B. Bloom indicates the need to introduce innovative methods that serve to form high-level thinking skills in modern pedagogical paradigms. H. Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences also had a great influence on the organization of individual educational trajectories and the development of person-oriented pedagogical approaches. P. Freire, through the concept of “critical pedagogy”, justified the democratic and dialogical nature of education, interpreting the student as an active subject, not a passive object.

The scientific and conceptual documents developed by UNESCO, OECD, and the European Union also emphasize the need for innovative pedagogical paradigms. UNESCO’s “Lifelong Learning” concept evaluates continuous education as an important factor in human development. OECD’s PISA studies show that the quality of education depends on students’ functional literacy, creative thinking, and problem-solving competencies. The experience of countries such as Finland, Singapore, Canada, and South Korea proves that high results can be achieved based on innovative pedagogical approaches.

The scientific research of local scientists also widely covers the issue of educational reforms and innovative pedagogical paradigms. In particular, N. Muslimov, U. Nishonaliyev, R. Ishmuhamedov, B. Khodjayev, Sh. Sharipov and other scientists have developed a competency-based approach, theoretical and methodological foundations of innovative pedagogical technologies and interactive methods. In these studies, the issues of developing the professional competence of a modern teacher, digitizing the educational process, and forming independent and creative thinking of students are considered as priority areas.

The Law “On Education”, the “National Program for Personnel Training”, the “Digital Uzbekistan - 2030” strategy adopted in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the new edition of state educational standards also specifically state the need to transition to innovative pedagogical paradigms. These regulatory and legal documents state the priority tasks of introducing modern

pedagogical and information technologies into the educational process, developing students' competencies, and forming quality indicators consistent with international assessment programs.

The analysis shows that innovative pedagogical paradigms are recognized in foreign and domestic scientific sources as an important factor in improving the quality of education. However, in existing studies, the issues of complex development of pedagogical paradigms based on the integration of digital transformation, artificial intelligence technologies and neuropedagogical approaches have not yet been systematically studied. In this regard, continuing scientific research on improving innovative pedagogical paradigms in the context of educational reforms is an urgent scientific and pedagogical problem.

Content of the topic. The educational reforms being implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan are no exception to these global trends. The "Strategy of Actions" adopted in 2017 and the "New Uzbekistan" development concept introduced in recent years require a radical renewal of the education system. However, the effectiveness of the reforms is largely associated with a change in pedagogical paradigms.

By pedagogical paradigm, we mean the basic methodological foundations of the educational process, the system of relations between teachers and students, the principles of knowledge transfer and assimilation. Unlike traditional models, the innovative pedagogical paradigm prioritizes active learner participation, the development of life skills, and adaptation to the digital environment.

The traditional educational paradigm is based on a transmissive model: the teacher is seen as the transmitter of knowledge, and the student is seen as the receiver. Although this model was suitable for the requirements of the industrial era, it is losing its effectiveness in the era of the knowledge economy. Research shows that in the transmissive model, students do not develop independent thinking, problem-solving and creative approach skills.

The constructivist approach is based on the theories of thinkers such as Lev Vygotsky and Jerome Bruner. According to this paradigm, knowledge is not passively received, but actively constructed. The student assimilates new knowledge through his own experience, understanding and social interaction. In the modern educational environment, Project-Based Learning, Problem-Based Learning and Collaborative Learning are practical examples of the constructivist paradigm.

The competency-based approach defines the goal of education as not only imparting knowledge, but also the formation of a system of skills, competencies and values that are practically applied in life situations. The experience of the European Education Area shows that an education system based on a competency-based paradigm significantly increases the competitiveness of graduates in the labor market. The introduction of qualification frameworks in Uzbekistan is a practical expression of this paradigm.

Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences and the concept of differentiated learning form the theoretical basis of the person-centered paradigm. According to this approach, each student has his own learning style, pace and interests, and the educational process should be adapted to them. Adaptive educational technologies and systems based on artificial intelligence have become modern means of implementing this paradigm in practice.

The process of digital transformation is placing fundamentally new demands on the education system. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated this change even further: distance learning, hybrid formats, and online platforms have become widespread. However, there is a big difference between simply introducing technologies into the educational process and moving to an innovative pedagogical paradigm.

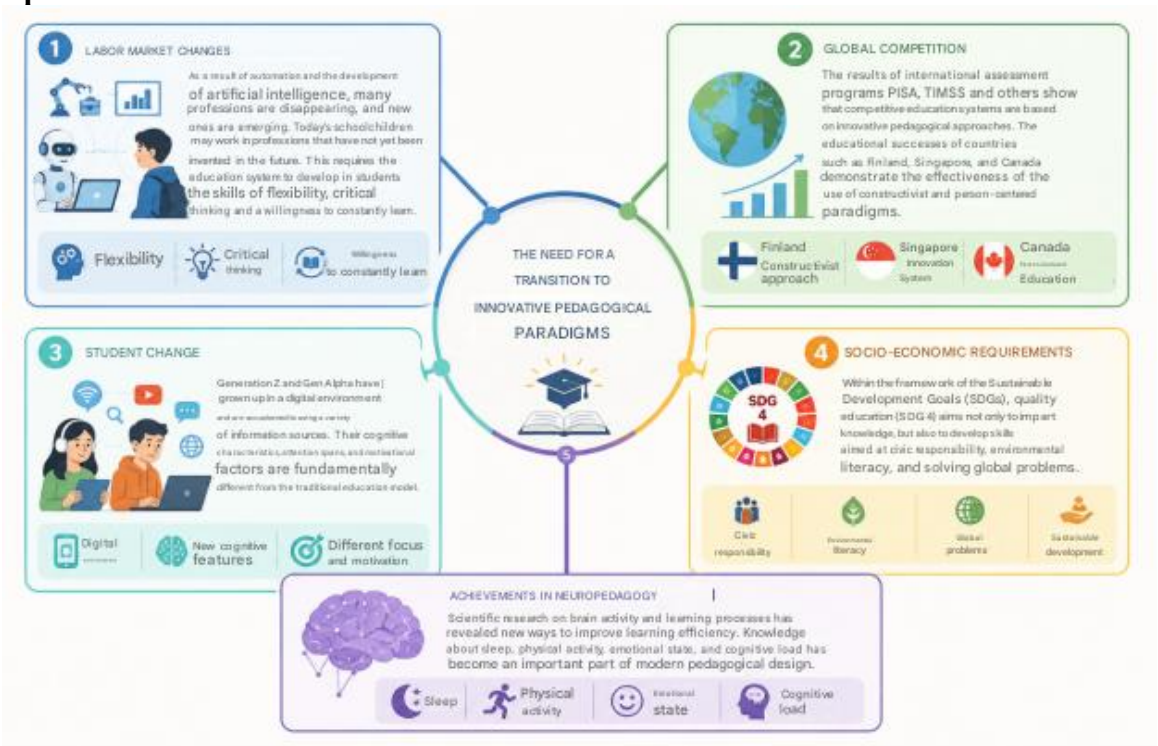
A true digital transformation requires a change in pedagogical thinking. The SAMR model (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, Redefinition) is a convenient tool for describing this

process, showing that educational technologies must move from a simple replacement stage to a complete redefinition stage. A modern teacher must not only know technologies, but also be able to combine them with pedagogical goals.

A number of important steps have been taken in Uzbekistan to form a digital educational infrastructure: the organization of computer classes in schools, the introduction of information systems such as EduPage and HEMIS. However, along with the infrastructure, the development of digital pedagogical competencies of teachers remains a priority.

The following factors determine the need to transition to innovative pedagogical paradigms in the process of educational reform (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Factors determining the need to transition to innovative pedagogical paradigms in the process of educational reform



Labor market changes: As a result of automation and the development of artificial intelligence, many professions are disappearing, and new ones are emerging. Today's schoolchildren may work in professions that have not yet been invented in the future. This requires the education system to develop in students the skills of flexibility, critical thinking and readiness for continuous learning.

Global competition: The results of international PISA, TIMSS and other assessment programs show that competitive education systems are based on innovative pedagogical approaches. The educational successes of countries such as Finland, Singapore, Canada demonstrate the effectiveness of the use of constructivist and person-centered paradigms.

Student changes: Representatives of Generation Z and Generation Alpha have grown up in a digital environment and have learned to use various sources of information. Their cognitive characteristics, attention and motivation factors are fundamentally different from the traditional education model.

Socio-economic requirements: Within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), quality education (SDG 4) involves not only imparting knowledge, but also developing skills aimed at civic responsibility, environmental literacy, and solving global problems.

Advances in neuropedagogy: Scientific research on brain activity and learning processes has opened up new ways to improve learning efficiency. Knowledge about sleep, physical activity, emotional state, and cognitive load has become an important part of modern pedagogical design.

There are a number of objective and subjective obstacles to the implementation of educational reforms in Uzbekistan. Without analyzing them, it is difficult to determine an effective reform strategy.

First, there is the problem of low teacher qualifications and professional inertia. Many educators are accustomed to working with the traditional transmissive model, and the transition to new approaches arouses fear and resistance in them. The professional development system is still focused on providing more declarative knowledge and remains weak in the formation of practical pedagogical skills.

Secondly, there is a problem of lack of material and technical base and financial resources. The use of innovative pedagogical approaches often requires a new educational environment, tools and infrastructure. The gap between regional and urban schools exacerbates this problem.

Thirdly, the problem of incompatibility of the assessment system is of great importance. If innovative pedagogical approaches are used, but the assessment system measures traditional rote knowledge, this conflict forces teachers and students to return to the traditional method. The introduction of formative assessment and authentic assessment systems is a necessary component of the reform.

Fourthly, the lack of readiness of parents and society should also be taken into account. Many parents expect their children to learn in the traditional way and do not fully understand innovative approaches. This creates the need to strengthen pedagogical cooperation between school and family.

The following strategic directions are recommended for the effectiveness of educational reforms:

The process of retraining and advanced training of teachers should move from traditional lectures and seminars to more practical, experience-based and peer learning formats. The introduction of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model, strengthening mentoring and coaching systems, and the development of international cooperation and exchange of experience are priority measures.

Curricula should be revised based on the principle of reducing content and increasing depth. Instead of "a lot of knowledge", "deep understanding" and "practical application" should be prioritized. Interdisciplinary integration, STEM/STEAM approaches, and the expansion of project-based education are important directions.

It is necessary to introduce a balanced system of formative and summative assessment, expand the use of portfolios, self-assessment and peer assessment methods, and shift the examination system from standardized tests to forms that measure deep understanding.

Changing the school architecture and classroom environment to a format that is conducive to learning, encourages collaboration and uses creativity, and creates conditions for game-based learning and experiential learning are priorities.

Conclusion. In the process of educational reforms, the need for innovative pedagogical paradigms has become an undeniable reality. The transition from the traditional transmissive model to constructivist, competency-based and person-oriented paradigms means not only a methodological renewal, but also a fundamental change in the philosophy of education.

In order for the educational reforms being implemented in Uzbekistan to be effective, a strategic and systematic approach is required, taking into account the obstacles considered above. In this regard, the joint application of professional development of teachers, modernization of curricula, reform of the assessment system and modernization of the educational environment is of great importance.

Innovative pedagogical paradigms not only increase the quality of education, but also ensure the readiness of the younger generation for future challenges. This is one of the main conditions for the formation of human capital necessary for the socio-economic development of the country. In this sense, investing in the education system and supporting the transition to innovative paradigms should remain a priority task of state policy. Thus, the transition to innovative pedagogical paradigms in the context of educational reforms is inextricably linked to the socio-economic needs of society, global competition, digital transformation, and the requirements for human capital development, and is of great importance as a strategic development factor of the modern education system.

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