

INTEREST

IN

PSYCHOLOGY

Course - 1

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- Interest is a feeling or emotion that causes attention to focus on an object, event, or process.
- Latin word **Interesse** signifies “**it concerns**” or “**it matters**”
- Interests specifies the causes or conditions behind attention and acts as a source of motivation.
- It actually drives people according to their needs and aspirations.

Definition of Interest :-

Crow and Crow :-

- Interest may refer to the motivating force that impels us to attend to a person, a thing or an activity or it may be the effective experience that has been stimulated by the activity itself.

J. S. Ross :-

- A thing that Interest us is just something that concerns us or matters to us.

Characteristics :-

- *Special mental aptitude.*
- *Innate or acquired*
- *Closely related with our needs, urges*
- *Varies according to the individual difference*
- *It can be measured*
- *Both heredity and environment are effective*

Factors Affecting Interest :-

- 1. Personal Factors***
- 2. Socio - economic / Environmental Factors***

Types of Interest :-

1. Natural interest
2. Acquired Interest
3. Personal Interest
4. Situational Interest

**“Interest is latent attention and
attention is interest in action”**

McDougall

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YOU**