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I Semester M.Com. Degree Examination, May 2024 (CBCS Scheme) (2020 – 21 and Onwards)

COMMERCE

Paper – 1.7 : Soft Core – Corporate Communication Skills

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 70

SECTION - A

Answer any seven questions out of ten. Each question carries two marks. (7×2=14)

- 1. a) What do you mean by the concept of a Meta Communications System?
 - b) Define the term "trouble shooters".
 - c) Differentiate between active and passive listening.
 - d) What do you mean by non-verbal communication?
 - e) List out a few strategies for time management in a presentation.
 - f) What are soft skills? Give examples.
 - g) What is the purpose of a speech of introduction in a public speech?
 - h) Differentiate between the dynamics of group presentations and individual presentations.
 - i) List the etiquettes and mechanisms applicable to virtual meetings.
 - i) Define the term cross-cultural communication.

SECTION - B

Answer any four questions out of six. Each question carries five marks. (4×5=20)

- 2. How do communication skills and soft skills complement each other in professional settings? Provide examples to illustrate their interrelation.
- 3. Differentiate between formal and informal communication channels within organizations and highlight their implications.

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- 4. How can executives and managers leverage public speaking to enhance their influence, credibility and effectiveness in driving organizational objectives ?
- Explain the importance of effective corporate communication in fostering employee engagement and organizational culture. Provide examples to support your arguments.
- 6. Explain the importance of body language in enhancing the effectiveness of personal communication.
- 7. Write a note on corporate liaisoning and E-Training.

SECTION - C

Answer any two questions out of four. Each question carries twelve marks. (2×12=24)

- 8. How can organizations leverage technological advancements to enhance both internal and external communication strategies, utilizing digital tools and platforms effectively?
- 9. How can multinational companies overcome communication challenges between people from different cultures to create a more inclusive and cohesive team environment?
- 10. Discuss various strategies for maintaining audience engagement and interest throughout a public speech.
- 11. Evaluate the role of public speaking in developing leadership skills with suitable illustration.

SECTION - D

Compulsory Skills based question on subject.

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12. OptiTech Solutions, a leading technology firm, is preparing for its annual conference where it will showcase its latest product developments to stakeholders, including investors, clients and employees. You, as a member of the marketing team, have been tasked with creating a comprehensive presentation that highlights the company's achievements over the past year, outlines future directions and introduces new products.



The audience is diverse, encompassing technical experts, non-technical stakeholders and potential investors with varying levels of attention and interest. Previous presentations have received feedback pointing to issues such as overly technical language, cluttered slides and a lack of engaging visuals which led to reduced audience engagement. Additionally, the last conference ran over time due to presentations exceeding their allocated slots.

Questions:

- i) How will you strategize the planning phase to ensure the training sessions align with the organization's goals and the participants' needs?
- Describe the key principles you would incorporate into the structure and delivery of the presentations to enhance engagement and learning outcomes.
- iii) Discuss the principles governing the effective use of audio-visual media in presentations and how you would integrate them into the training sessions to maximize impact.
- iv) Outline strategies for managing time effectively during the training sessions to cover essential content without overwhelming participants.