

Communication Skills

- Unit – 1 Communication skills
Process, types and levels of communication.
Technical Communication and General Communication. Factors to be considered in technical communication.
- Unit – 2 Verbal and non-verbal communication (kinesics)
Components of Non-verbal Communication (Kinesics)
Barriers to effective communication. (Noise in oral and written communication) Communication across cultures.
- Unit – 3 Listening skills - Types of Listening Active Listening V/s Passive Listening
Empathetic Listening. Traits of a good listener, barriers in effective listening,
Tips for effective listening.
- Unit – 4 Effective presentation strategies. Defining purpose, analysis of audience and
locate, organizing contents. Preparing an outline of the presentation. Visual
aids, nuances of delivery, Body language and effective presentation.
- Unit – 5 Interviews
Introduction, General preparations for an interview, Types of questions
generally asked at the interviews. Types of interviews, Importance of non-
verbal aspects.
- Unit – 6 Group Discussions
Introduction, Group discussions as a part of the selection process, guidelines
for group discussion. Role functions in group discussion.
- Unit – 7 Paragraph Development, Introduction, Topic sentence and supporting
sentences. Attributes of a good paragraph. Types of paragraphs.
- Unit – 8 Letter - Writing
Business Letters, Structure and types of a business letter, Letter of Inquiry,
Letters of complaint, regret and adjustment.
- Unit – 9 Technical reports
Introduction, types of reports, structure of reports, objectives and
characteristics of reports.
- Unit – 10 Technical Proposals
Definition, Purpose, Types, Characteristics, Structure, Style and appearance.
- Unit – 11 Technical Descriptions

Introduction, Definition of an object or a process. Guidelines for writing good description - organization, content, structure.

- Unit – 12 Effective Reading Skills
Purpose of reading, skimming and scanning. Tips for improving comprehension skills.
- Unit – 13 Job application
Essential parts - Cover Letter and the 'resume'. Types of 'resumes' (Curriculum Vitae) Chronological 'resume', functional 'resume'.
- Unit – 14 Grammar and Vocabulary
Tense and the concept of Time. Passive Voice, Conditionals Prepositions, Concord. Idioms, Confusables, one-word substitutes, homonyms, homophones eponyms.

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