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Note: Answers may vary; still the concept should be similar.

Q.1. Improving communication skills carries multiple benefits. We can effectively express ourselves and connect with others, we feel more confident and valued.

Communication skills are the key to developing friendships and to building a strong social support network. Clear and effective communication allows individuals to express their thoughts, feelings, and needs, as well as understand and respond to others. These skills impact the quality of friendships by facilitating meaningful conversations, active listening, and understanding non-verbal cues. Strategies to enhance communication skills include practicing active listening, using clear and concise language, and developing conversational skills.

Effective communication skills reduce misunderstandings and build empathy and understanding between people, both in formal and personal relationships.

A person with effective communication skills is liked by others. He may handle every situation in a more effective way: conflict handling, persuading, guiding or giving instructions, all may be done in far better way due to these skills.

Q.1. Positive self-esteem provides us with the courage and flexibility to take control of our lives and learn from our mistakes without the fear of rejection and non-acceptance. It encourages us to shape our lives as best as we can. A person with high level of self-esteem is comfortable with his self and is happy with what is reflected in the mirror.

On the other hand, low self-esteem causes a weakening effect that prevents individuals from realizing their full potential. A person with low self-esteem feels worthless, inept, incompetent and useless. It leads to a number of weaknesses in life.

Q.2. Consideration refers to the ability to think about and empathize with the needs, feelings, and perspectives of others.

When consideration is present, individuals are more likely to engage in respectful and meaningful interactions, fostering positive relationships and promoting understanding. By considering someone else's viewpoint, we show that we care about their thoughts and feelings, which can help establish trust and mutual respect.

Considerate communication adopts the 'you' approach. It gives importance to others and refers to the benefits that are specific to the audience. The sender emphasizes the positive aspects of the message and shows optimism towards your audience.

- **Q.3.** Internal Dialogue involves thinking, deliberating, investigating and analysing. Some experts
- **a** are of the opinion that daydreaming and nocturnal dreaming both relate to this category.
- (i) Observations and reflection also are part of this process.
- **Q.3.** Solo Vocal Communication involves talking loudly to one's own-self. This may be done to elucidate thinking, to practice a message anticipated for others, or simply to let off steam,
- (ii) e.g. talking to one's self as the subordinate complains about the superior.
- **Q.3.** Solo written communication refers to written communication which is not meant for others, e.g. personal diary.
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- **Q.3.** 1. Improved customer satisfaction
 - 2. Increased information sharing that in turn leads to more innovative and creative work
 - 3. Greater productivity with fewer mistakes
 - 4. Saved costs due to a more efficient communication process
 - 5. More influential employees who are better placed to influence, persuade and negotiate
 - 6. Reduction in conflict and misunderstandings
- Q.4. (i) Oymyakon: Noun, coldest: Adjective
- **a** (ii) Present Perfect Tense
 - (iii) Travelers had been walking across the island.
 - (iv) Is Mariana Trench the deepest place on Earth?
 - (v) Although the manager tried his best to train his junior; yet, he could not succeed. **OR**

The manager tried his best to train his junior; however, he could not succeed.

(vi) They say that it's a small world. Is it really? How much do we really know about the different cultures with all their strange traditions?

OR

They say that it's a small world; is it really? How much do we really know about the different cultures with all their strange traditions?

- **Q.4.** (i) Put off to delay or postpone something
- **b** (ii) Run into to meet someone unexpectedly
 - (iii) Turn up to arrive or appear unexpectedly
 - (iv) Work out to solve a problem or to exercise
 - (i) Craziness, stupidity
- **a** (ii) Unconscious,
 - (iii) General, standard
 - (iv) Harmful
- **Q.5.** (i) **Dignity**: He managed to retain his dignity throughout the performance.
 - (ii) Literally: I literally crawled to the car.
 - (iii) Tedious: it's terribly tedious having to sit through all those long speeches.
- Q.5. (i) Regret

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- **c** (ii) Reliable
 - (iii) Reveal
- **Q.5.** (iv) Tiny
- d (v) Condemn
 - (vi) Free
- Q.5. (i) length
- e (ii) bud
 - (iii) trades
 - (iv) bull
- **Q.6.** (i) You asked me where they lived.
 - (ii) He asked us when we were leaving.
 - (iii) She asked them how they would get there



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- Q.6. Correlative conjunctions always appear in pairs which are used to link phrases, words or clauses in a sentence.
 - Common correlative conjunctions are given below: (any 3 may be written)
 - (i) Both/and: Both my grandfather and my uncle were killed in an accident in a steel works.
 - (ii) Either/or: I could either have a mango or a pear.
 - (iii) Neither/nor: He had neither mangoes nor pears to sell.
 - (iv) Not only/but also: Not only is it cold but it is also raining.
 - (v) Rather/than: I would rather go out today than stay at home.
 - (vi) Whether/or: It is your decision whether you study tonight or not.
- **Q.7.** (i) **Collateral**: An asset that secures a loan or other debt that a lender can take if you don't repay the money you borrow. For example, if you get a house loan, the bank's collateral is typically your house.
 - (ii) **Creditworthy**: An individual or organization, financially sound enough to justify the extension of credit.
 - (iii) **Overdraft**: An overdraft occurs when you don't have enough money in your account to cover a transaction, but the bank pays the transaction anyway.
 - (iv) Grace period: The number of days you have to pay your bill in full before finance charges start. Without this period, you may have to pay interest from the date you use your card or when the purchase is posted to your account.
 - (v) Health savings account: An account at a bank, insurance company, or other financial institution that lets you set aside pre-tax money, sometimes directly from your paycheck, to pay for eligible medical expenses.
 - (vi) Mutual fund: A company that pools money from many investors and invests the money in securities such as stocks, bonds, and short-term debt. The combined holdings of the mutual fund are known as its portfolio. Investors buy shares in mutual funds. Each share represents an investor's part ownership in the fund and the income it generates.
- **Q.8.** Minutes are a formal record of the facts of a meeting. The purpose / reasons why they are
- **a** prepared are: (any 3 may be enumerated in the answer)
 - 1. to form the basis of discussion at the next meeting;
 - 2. to inform those who could not attend what was discussed;
 - 3. as a reminder to those present what was discussed; and
 - 4. to remind everyone of the action points that were agreed by whom and by when. Or
 - 5. accurate and timely meeting minutes are essential tools for ensuring effective communication and collaboration within any organization.
 - 6. They provide a clear record of what happened, help hold people accountable, and facilitate the smooth implementation of decisions.



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- **Q.8.** Any **5** of the following may be written:
 - (i) A draft should be written or typed in double space on both sides of the paper. A sufficiently wide margin should be left for corrections and additions.
 - (ii) All drafts should bear the relevant diary number or file number and the subject.
 - (iii) A draft should show clearly the enclosures which are to accompany the fair copy.
 - (iv) If copies of enclosures referred to in the draft are available and are not to be typed, the fact should be clearly stated in the margin of the draft for the guidance of the typist.
 - (v) When it is known that the office to which the letter or memorandum is to be sent will require extra copies, the number of copies likely to be required should be indicated on the draft.
 - (vi) The officer over whose signature the communication is to issue should initial and date the draft in token of his approval. His designation should invariably be indicated on the draft.
 - (vii) A clean carbon copy of the letter issued should be placed on the file. This should be referenced immediately before any other action is taken on the file.
 - (viii) The appropriate priority marking i.e., "Residence", "Immediate" or "Priority" should be indicated on the draft.
- **Q.9.** The answers may resemble the sample notification given below:

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF HOUSING & WORKS

Islamabad, the 24th April, 2024

NOTIFICATION

No'F'2 (L)/ 2002-Eo.

With the approval of Competent Authority i.e. Secretary (H&W), Mr. Aliyan Sufi, Deputy Director (Estate), Estate office, Islamabad is hereby transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Estate office Lahore with immediate effect and until further orders.

Signature Section Officer

Q.10.

The Sad Demise of President Geingob of Namibia

The Government and the people of Pakistan are deeply saddened at the passing of President Hage G. Geingob of Namibia.

President Geingob was a visionary statesman, a leading icon of the liberation struggle of Namibia and the chief architect of the Constitution of Namibia.

President Geingob will always be remembered for his services to the Namibian nation and his distinguished legacy as a leader of the Global South.

Our heartfelt condolences to President Geingob's family and the people of Namibia.

Islamabad

04 February 2024