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Q2# How can you construct graphics in a technical document? Discuss.

→ While constructing graphics in a technical document, various things are considered and taken care which are discussed below:-

i) Constructing Tables

Tables are used to present words or numbers that can be organized into categories of columns & rows.

- Informal Table

It is a graphic that uses rows and columns drawn without rules (lines) or stubs (column heading). Here, information flows with the text.

- Formal Table

It is an arrangement of information in rows and columns with rules (lines drawn). Here, data is organized in a consistent format.

- Verbal Table

It is also known as a chart, is similar to a formal table with its rows and columns. It uses words whereas a formal table uses numerals.

ii) Construction graphics

A graph is a visual aid that shows the relationships among numerical data. The various types of graphs are :-

- Bar Graph

It is a graph that uses a horizontal axis and a vertical axis to compare numerical data presented in rectangular bars.

- Multiple Bar Graph

It is a graph with more than one bar for each measurement.

- Line graph

It uses a horizontal axis and a vertical axis to compare numerical data. Instead of bars, it uses a line that depicts a trend.

- Pictograph

It is a special kind of bar graph that uses pictures instead of bars to represent data.

- Pie Graph

It is a circular graphic unit that shows how parts relate to the whole.

iii) Constructing Charts, Big Diagrams & Pictures.

A chart is a drawing with boxes, words and lines to show a process or an organizational structure.

- Flow chart

It is a chart or collection of boxes where lines and arrows show a process or series of steps.

- Decision Flowchart

It is a special flowchart that uses symbols to indicate critical points of making a decision.

- Organizational chart.

It is a drawing with boxes, words and lines to show how an organization is structured.

- Gantt Chart

It is a bar graph used to calculate schedule the major tasks of a complex project.

- Diagram - is a line drawing of anything the writer wishes to portray

- Icon - is a simple picture or drawing that represents an idea or concept.

- Photograph - can be inserted into a document when it is important to show what something looks like.