**Group discussion**

**Activity**: Group discussion

**Purpose**: The purpose of conducting group discussion it to evaluate every candidate, check their persuasive skills, knowledge of the related subject, communication skills and most importantly their capability to structure arguments through logic, reason and factual information.

**Qualities needed in a group discussion:**

1. Team Player
2. Communication skills
3. Listening skills
4. Agreeing and disagreeing politely
5. Persuasive skills
6. Reasoning Ability
7. Leadership
8. Flexibility
9. Assertiveness
10. Initiative
11. Creativity/ Out of the box thinking
12. Inspiring ability.

**My participation:** Our team got the topic “Mobile phones have become a curse to mankind.” I said that technology is being misused by human beings. Today, we are all so much addicted to technology that we are neglecting ourselves, our families, and our friends. Almost everyone is using some device or the other and unable to spend time with other human beings. Speaker number 2 too agreed by saying that misuse of technology is not good for us. However, speakers 4 and5 said that it was not technology that is a curse, but our weaknesses. Technology is neither good nor bad. It is how we use it that is actually important. However, speaker 3 said that though people know that they should minimise the use of technology, they are not doing it. The group concluded by saying that mobile phones have their own benefits and disadvantages. We must use mobile phones for important purposes only.

**Teacher’s feedback**: The teachers appreciated the way I presented myself. They asked me to maintain more eye contact while speaking.

**My feedback:** His activity gave me a lot of courage to speak. Initially, I was really afraid of presenting my views on this topic. However, after watching two friends express their views on this topic, I decided to speak and share my thoughts. This activity gave me an idea of how to participate in future group discussions.

**My strengths:** Ability to express my views.

**Areas I need to improve:** I felt I should read more. I need to develop awareness of general and current topics. I also feel that I should improve my listening skills more.