

Essentials of Management Staffing

Functions of Management

Learning Objectives

What is Management

Planning as a Function of Management

Organizing as a Function of Management

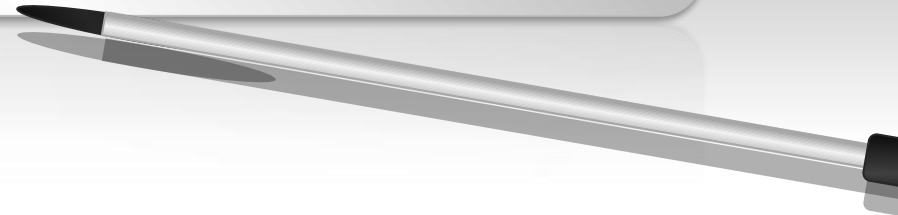
Staffing as a Function of Management



Directing as a Function of Management

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Summary



Staffing as a Function of Management

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- ▶ What is Staffing
- ▶ Components of Staffing
- ▶ Steps in Staffing
- ▶ How to ensure Successful Staffing

Staffing as Function of Management

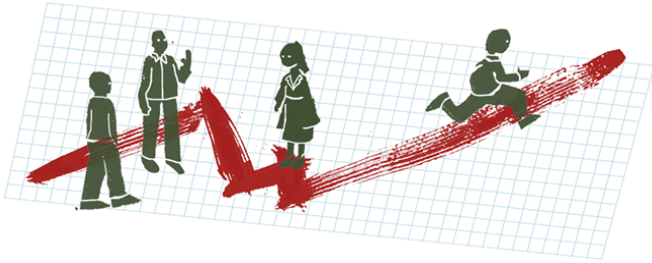
What is Staffing

- ▶ Staffing involves **manning the organizational structure** through proper and effective appraisal, selection and development of people to fill the roles designed into the structure.
- ▶ Staffing is also known as **Human Resource Management**. It is the management function devoted to acquiring, training, appraising, and compensating employees.



Staffing as Function of Management

Components of Staffing



1. Strategic HR Planning

Strategic HR planning is a process that **identifies current and future HR needs for an organization to achieve its goals**. It should serve as a link between HR management and the overall strategic plan of an organization.



2. Recruitment

Recruitment refers to the process of attracting, screening, and selecting qualified people for a job. Companies recruit through employment agencies, recruitment websites, job search engines, "headhunters" for executive & professional recruitment, and niche agencies which specialize in a particular area of staffing.



3. Selection

Employee Selection is the process of putting right men on right job. It is a procedure of matching organizational requirements with the skills and qualifications of people.



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Senior Logistics Process Engineer (REF-SAS)

Reporting to Logistics Process Manager - Provide project management and process design support by delivering capability in terms of processes, systems, management information and supplier performance reporting and control.

Planning Analyst (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Logistics Planning Supervisor - Provide planning and co-ordination support in Order Fulfillment process.

Distribution Planner x 2 (REF-SAS)

Reporting to Distribution Planning Supervisor - Determines specific pick-out, call-off requirements for finished goods.

MPS Planner (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Planning Manager - Manage the Master Production Schedule for Greek manufactured products.

Senior Buyer (REF-SAL)

Reporting to OEM Manager - Manage Apple's Supply Base for all third party hardware products offered on the European online stores.

Senior Buyer (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Regional Supply Base Manager - Manage expanding turnkey supply chain in Europe.

Supplier Quality Engineer (REF-SAL)

Reporting to SQE Manager - Manage enclosure activity within Europe.

Manufacturing Engineer (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Production Manager - Provide Design for manufacturing input to Central DPM and Design on new Products.

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VAT Accountant (REF-SAL)

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Telesales Agents (Swedish, German, Dutch) (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Sales Supervisor - Provide front line telephone sales service for inbound customers. Promote The Apple Store products and promotions to all callers requesting general information.

Direct Sales Support Co-ordinators

(Swedish, Italian) (REF-SAL)
Reporting to Direct Sales Support Supervisor - Provides order fulfilment support through the Apple Store.

Technical Support Agents (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Team Leaders - Provide technical support to Apple customers.

Temporary positions:

Telesales Agents (Swedish, German, Dutch) (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Direct Sales Support Supervisor - Provides order fulfilment support through the Apple Store.

Technical Support Agents

part-time hours also available (REF-SAL)

Buyer x 2 (REF-SAL)

Reporting to OEM Manager - Manage Apple's Supply Base for all third party hardware products offered on the European online stores.

Production Supervisors x 5 (REF-SAL)

Reporting to Production Manager - Provide Design for manufacturing input to Central DPM and Design on new Products.

Training Instructors x 2 (REF-SAL)

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Staffing as Function of Management

How to ensure successful Staffing?



Management is the art of getting things done through others.



Staffing

- **Staffing** is the process of hiring, positioning and overseeing employees in an organisation.



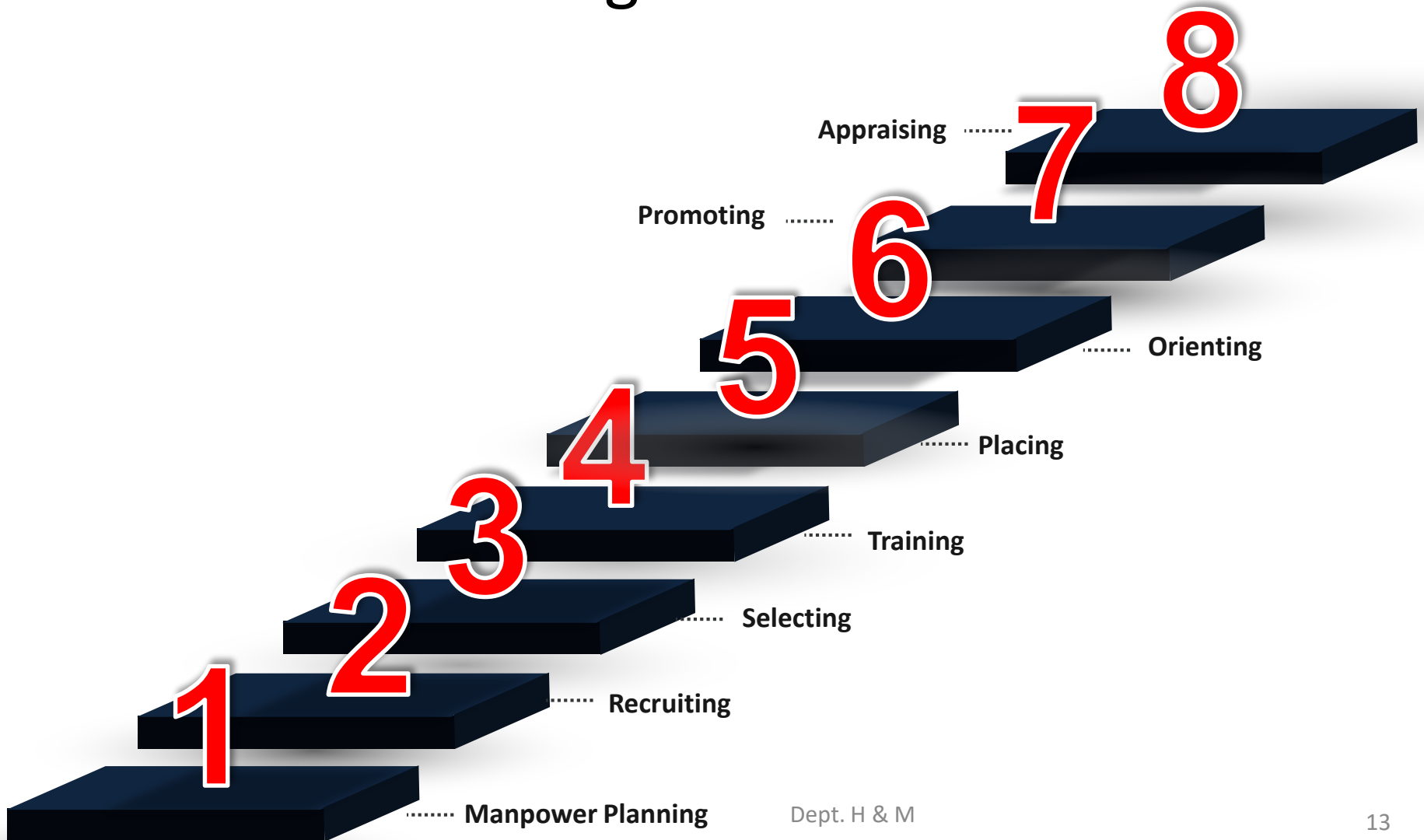
Nature and purpose of Staffing:

“It is defined as filling and keeping filled, positions in the organizational structure”

It includes:

- Identifying work force requirements.
- Inventorying the people available.
- Recruiting, selecting, placing, promoting, appraising, planning the careers of, compensating and training or otherwise developing both candidates & current job holders to accomplish their tasks effectively & efficiently.

Activities of staffing



- Alan has started an advertising agency in Gurgoan. One of the page on his company's website contains the following information, "Welcome to all the visitors of this page who are looking for an opportunity to make a career in the field of advertising. The openings are available in the company at various levels, so don't miss the chance." This page includes a link to provide further details about the vacancies available in terms of the desired qualifications, experience, personality characteristics and so on. Through a continuous assessment of the number and types of human resources necessary for the performance of various jobs and accomplishment of organizational objectives and in relation to the number and type available, he gets the information on this page updated.

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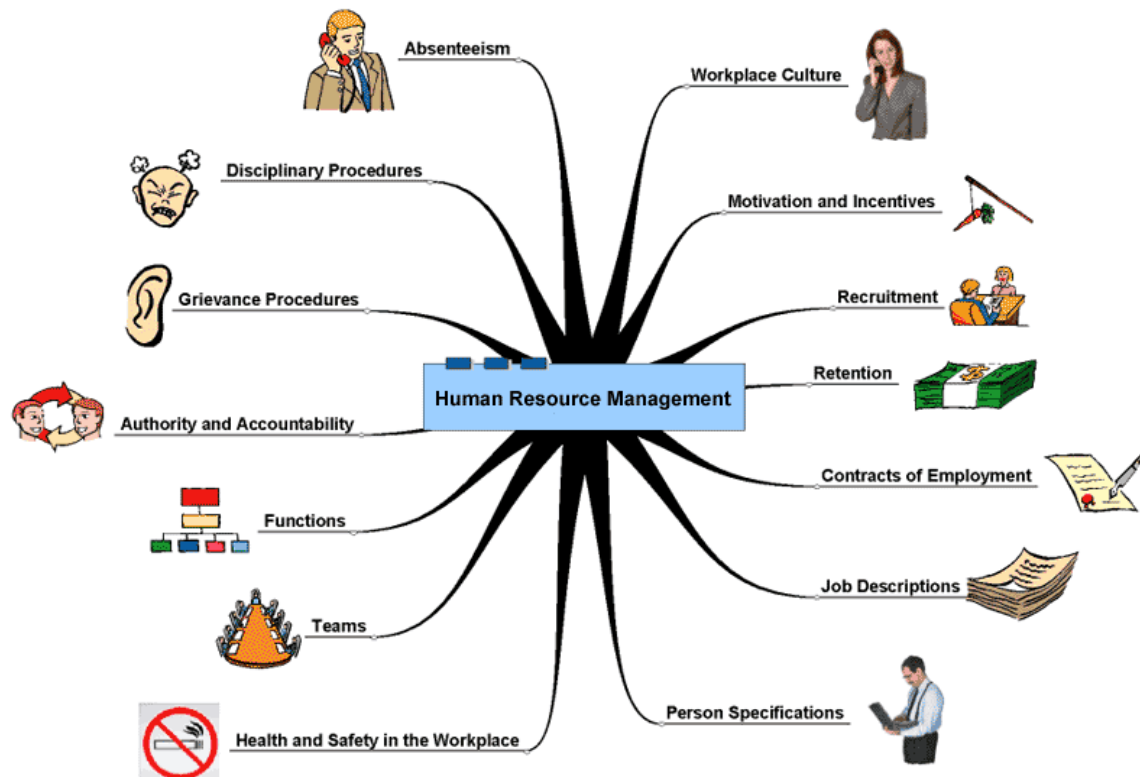
- Identify and explain the steps in the staffing process being carried out by Alan by quoting lines from the paragraph.
- Name the concept that relates to the details about the vacancies available in terms of the desired qualifications, experience, personality characteristics and so on.

Important questions

- External and Internal Sources of recruitment
- Direct and Indirect types of recruitment
- Importance and types of induction
- Types of tests during recruitment
- Types of Interviews
- Types of Training (Vestibule, Apprenticeship etc.,)
- Systems approach to staffing/Steps in staffing
- Job description/Job Specification/Job analysis

Human Resource Management

The integration of all processes, programs, and systems in an organization that ensure staff are acquired and used in an effective way.



Staffing (Human Resource Management)

HR is multidisciplinary: It applies the disciplines of

- Economics (wages, markets, resources),
- Psychology (motivation, satisfaction),
- Sociology (organization structure, culture) and
- Law (min. wage, labor contracts)

What HR Professionals Do?

- HR planning
- Recruitment & Selection
- Training and development
- Compensation & Performance review
- Labor relations



Human Resource Planning



Definitions

- **Job** - Consists of a group of tasks that must be performed for an organization to achieve its goals
- **Position** - Collection of tasks and responsibilities performed by one person; there is a position for every individual in an organization
- **Job analysis** - Systematic process of determining the skills, duties, and knowledge required for performing jobs in an organization
- **Job description** – document providing information regarding tasks, duties, and responsibilities of job
- **Job specification** – minimum qualifications to perform a particular job

Job analysis

- **Job analysis**

Studies are conducted to answer:

What skills are needed?

What should be the qualification?

What are desirable abilities?

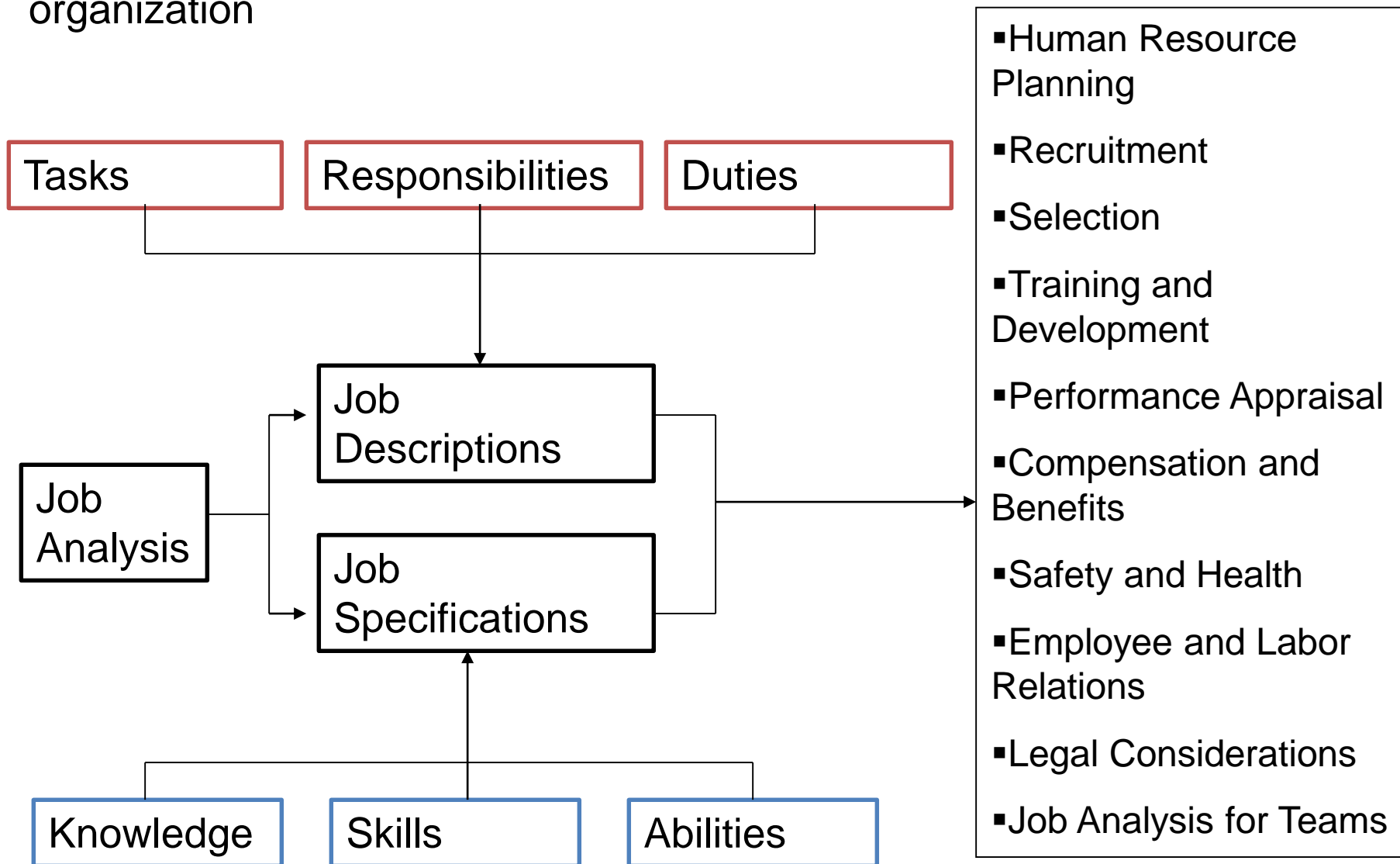
What should be the work experience?

What are his/her responsibilities?

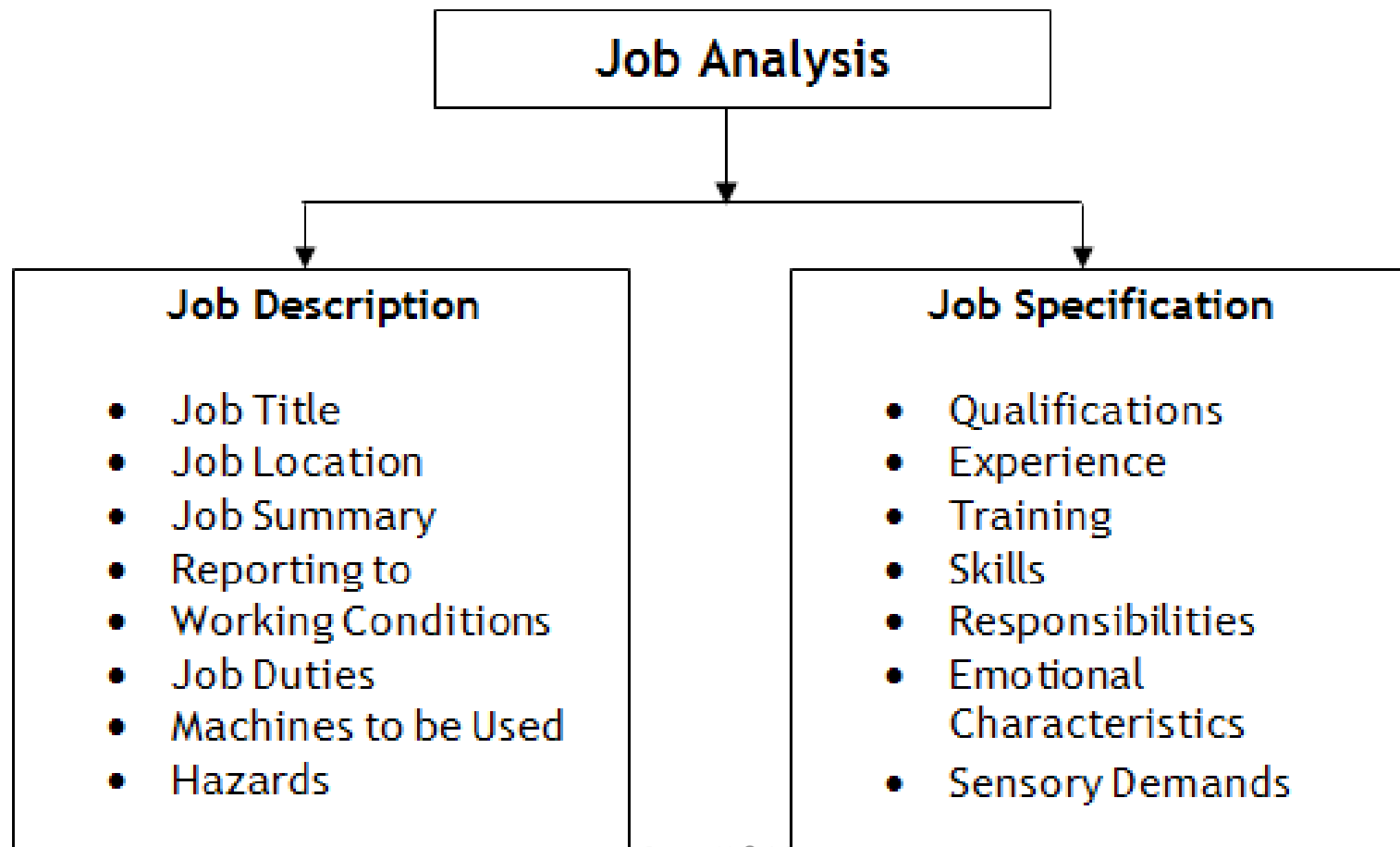
Job analysis includes the preparation of Job descriptions and Job specifications.



Job Analysis: Systematic process of determining the skills, duties, and knowledge required for performing jobs in an organization



Job description and Specification



Job description and Specification

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Librarian - One post on contractual basis

Qualification and experience: Post Graduate Degree in Library Science. At least five years relevant experience in the capacity of Asst./Deputy Librarian in an academic/research institute of repute. Knowledge of computer applications in various library activities is essential. M.Phil/Ph.D in Library Science will be preferable.

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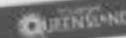
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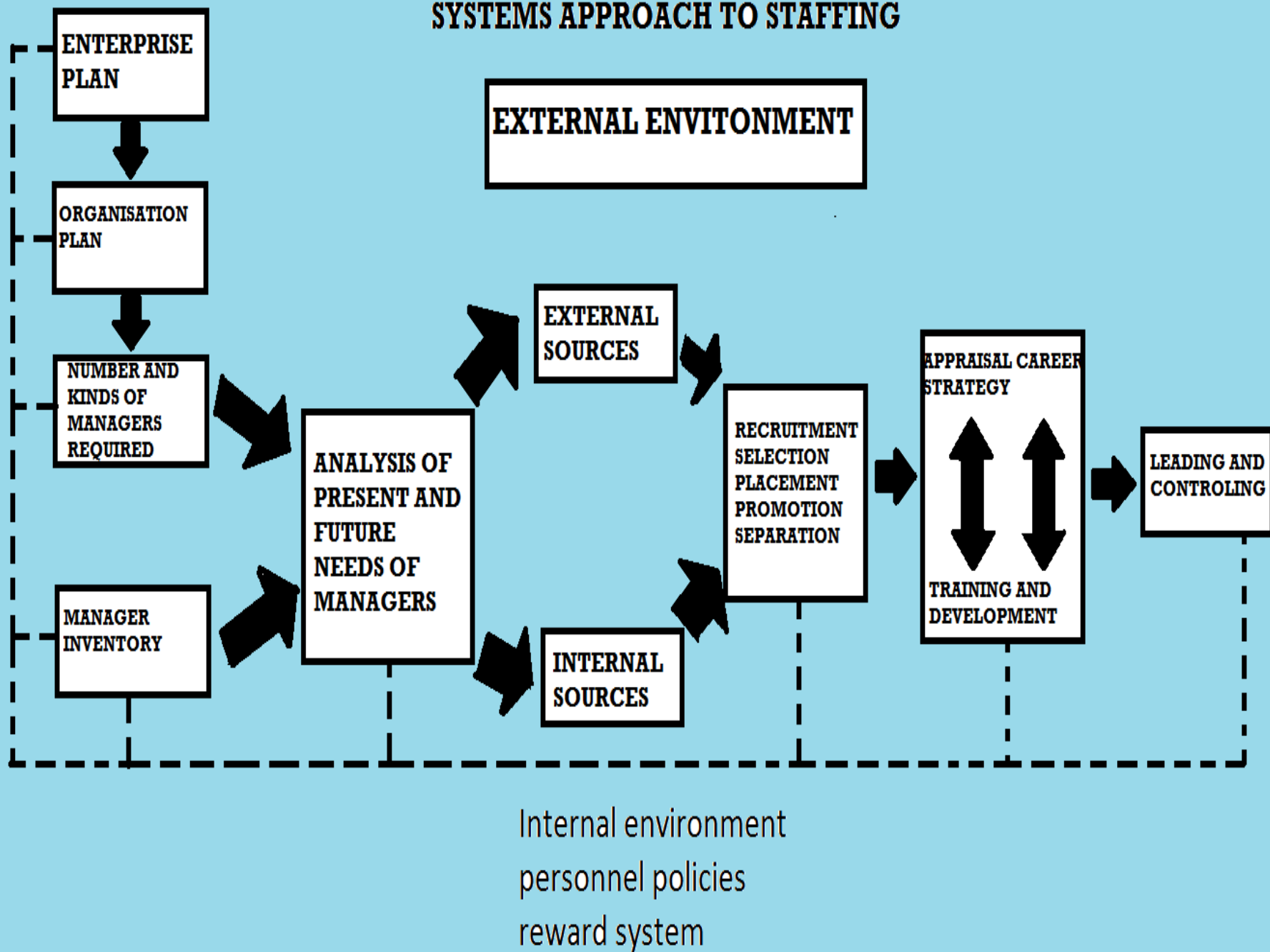


Job evaluation



- The process of determining how much a job should be paid, balancing two goals
 - Internal Equity: Paying different jobs differently, based on what the job entails
 - External Equity: Paying satisfactory performers what the market is paying

SYSTEMS APPROACH TO STAFFING



Systems approach to staffing

- The figure clearly shows how the managerial function of staffing relates to the total management system.
- Specifically the enterprise plans become the basis for organizational plans, which are necessary to achieve the enterprise objectives.
- The present and the projected enterprise structure determines the number and kind of managers required.
- These demands for managers are compared with available talent through the management inventory.
- On the basis of this analysis, external and internal sources are utilized in the process of recruitment, selection, placement, promotion etc.

Systems approach to staffing

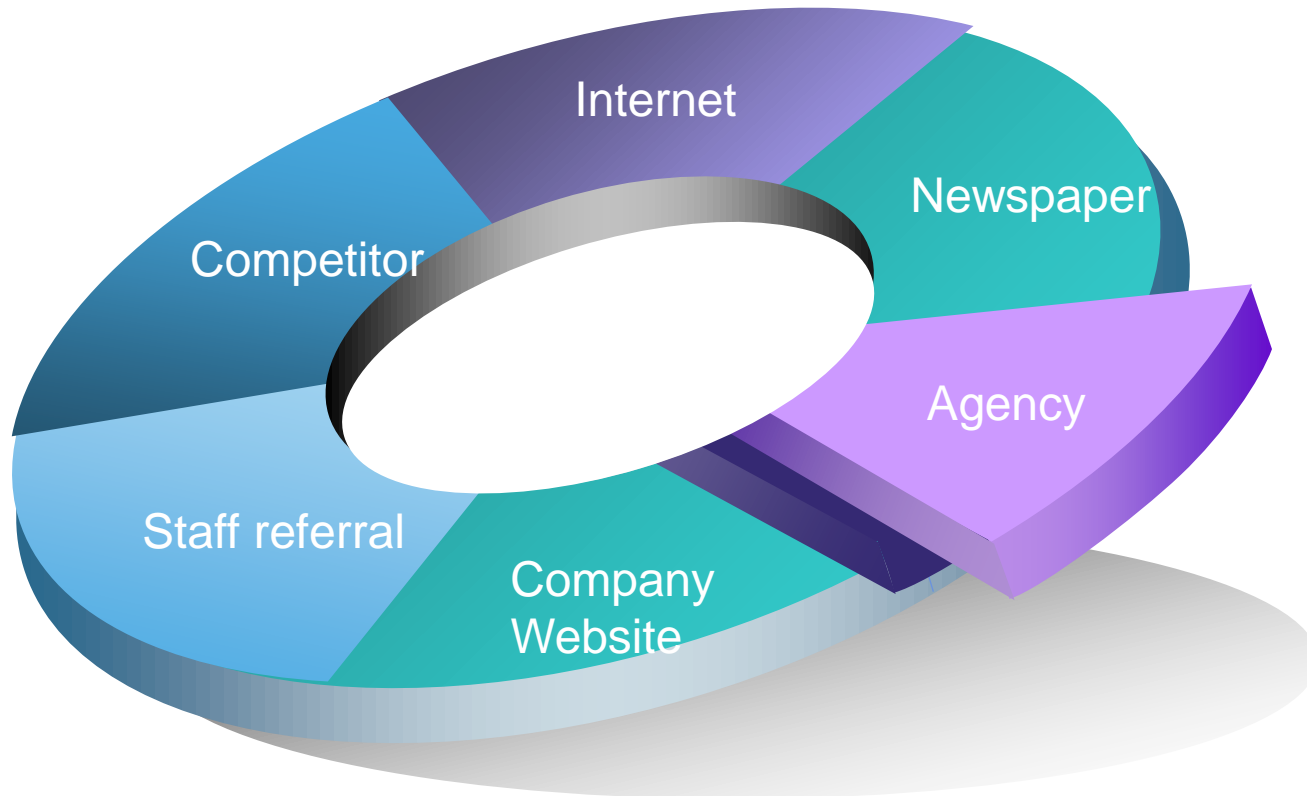
Other aspects of staffing include appraisal, career strategy, training and development of managers.

Staffing in the model affects the functions of leading and controlling. Proper staffing facilitates leading and controlling.

The number of managers required in an enterprise depends upon the following factors:

- Size
- Complexity of organizational structure
- Plans of the enterprise
- Rate of turnover of managerial personnel.

Advertisement (Where will I promote this position?)



What / Where would the ideal candidate look for ...

Recruitment – The overview



- Process of locating, identifying, and attracting capable candidates
- Can be for current or future needs
- Critical activity for some corporations.

Recruitment, Selection, Placement

Recruitment means search for the prospective employees to suit the job requirements as represented by job specification.

Out of the prospective applicants right type of persons to match the jobs are **selected** for the job.

Under placement the selected person is **placed on the job** which is most suited to him.

Sources of recruitment

Internal sources:

1. Promotion/ Demotion
2. Transfer

- Internal sources are the most obvious sources. These include personnel already on the pay-roll of an organization.
- Whenever any vacancy occurs, somebody from within the organization is upgraded, transferred, promoted or sometimes demoted.
- This source also includes personnel who were once on the pay-roll of the company but who plan to return or whom the company would like to rehire, such as those on leave of absence, those who quit voluntarily or those on production layoffs.

Present employee referrals (friends and relatives) is one internal modern source.

IBM, Procter & Gamble, and many more successful firms use promotion-from-within strategies and they have proven extremely effective.

External sources outside the organization.

The traditional external sources include:

- I. Educational institutes(for young, mostly inexperienced potential employees)
- II. Private employment agencies/consultants
- III. Public employment exchanges
- IV. Professional organizations (maintain complete bio-data of experienced and professional members and provide the same to various organizations on requisition and clarify doubts).
- V. Trade unions.
- VI. Waiting lists
- VII. Field trips
- VIII. Labor contractors
- IX. Ex-employees
- X. Casual applicants (some people apply casually through mail or hand over the application in the personnel department).

The modern external sources include:

- I. Walk in
- II. Head-hunters(or search consultants search for the best candidates especially for senior executive positions and give such information to the organizations)
- III. Body shoppers or employee leasers (few hi-tech training institutes (HCL) and professional organizations which are called body shoppers develop the pool of human resources and supply on lease basis)
- IV. Mergers and acquisitions
- V. E-Recruitment (Naukri, Monster etc)

Various methods of recruitment in industry

Direct, Indirect and Third party.

Direct Methods

These include sending:

- Travelling recruits to **educational and professional institutions**, employee contacts and manned exhibits.
- Most college recruiting is done in co-operation with the placement officer of a college. The placement office usually provide help in attracting students, arranging interviews, furnishing space and providing student resumes.
- For managerial, professional and sales personnel, campus interview is an extensive operation.
- For this purpose, carefully prepared brochures, describing the organization and the jobs it offers are distributed among students, before the interviewer arrives. The TATAs, and other firms maintain constant contacts with institutions' placement officials with a view to recruit staff regularly for different responsible positions.
- Sometimes, firms directly solicit information from the concerned professors about students with an outstanding record.
- **Other direct methods include sending recruiters to conventions and seminars, setting up exhibits at fairs, and using mobile offices to go to the desired centres.**

Indirect Methods

Indirect methods involve mostly advertising in **newspaper, on the radio, T.Vs, in trade and professional journals, technical magazines and brochures.**

Senior posts are largely filled by advertising in newspapers and/or trade journals and magazines. Local newspaper can be a good source of blue-collar workers, clerical employees and lower level administrative employees.

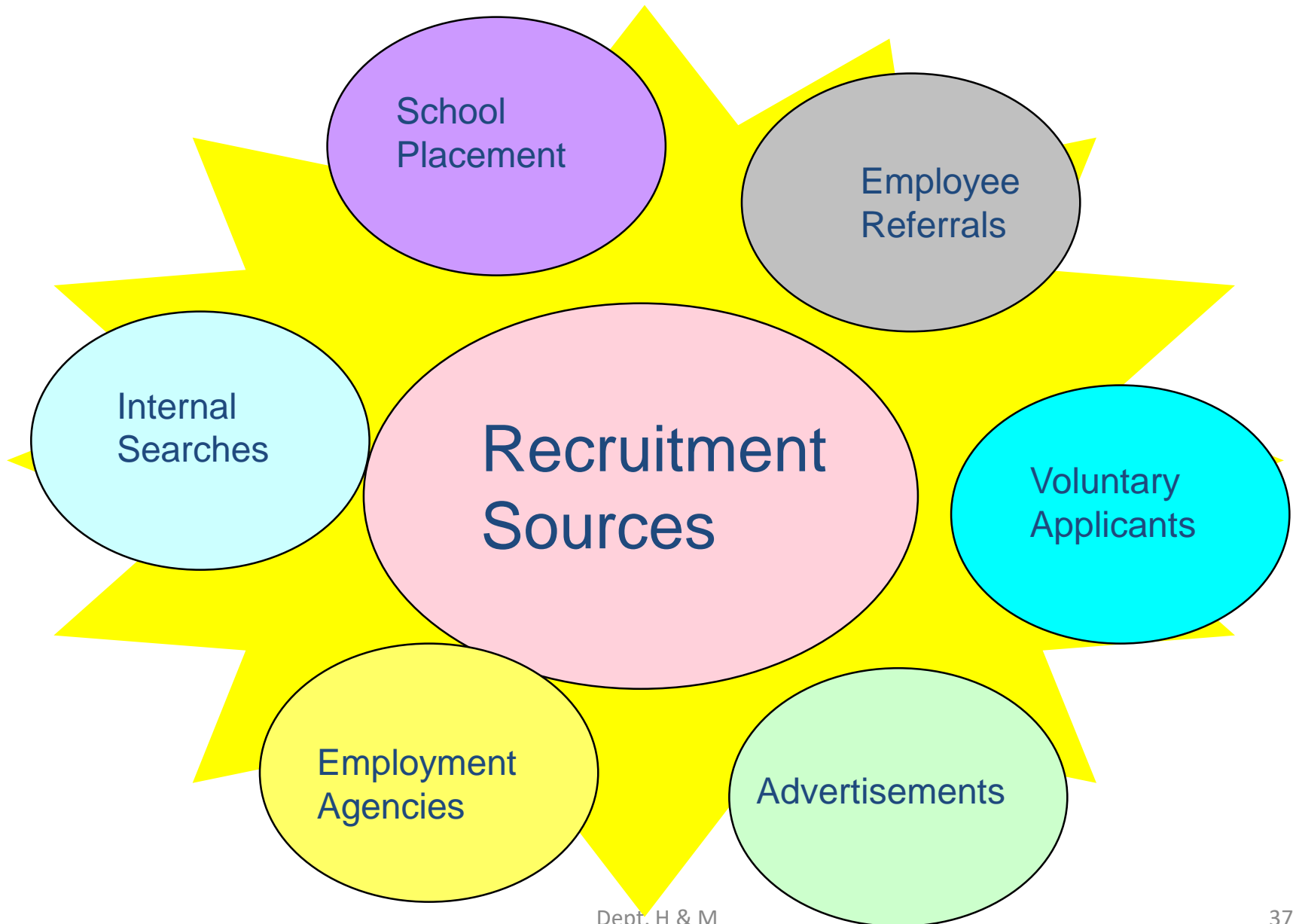
Higher the position is in the organization, or the more specialized the skills sought, the more widely dispersed advertisement is likely to be.

The advantage of advertisement is that all details about the job can be given in advertisement to allow self screening by the prospective candidates.

Third party methods

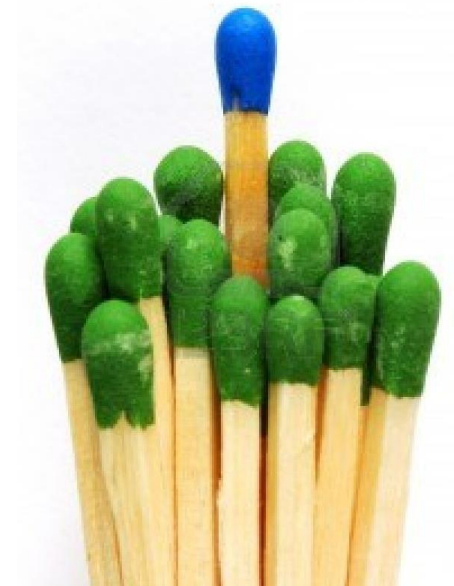
These include the use of commercial or private employment agencies, state agencies, placement offices of schools, colleges and professional associations, recruiting firms, management consulting firms etc.

Private employment agencies charge a small fee from an applicant. They bring employers and employees together.



Selection

Selection refers to picking from among the candidates the one that best meets the position requirements.



Various steps of the selection procedure:

1. Initial or Preliminary interview
2. Application form
3. Reference checks
4. Employment tests
5. Interview
6. Selection decision

1. Initial or preliminary interview or screening:



Initial interview is often held in case of “**at the gate**” candidates.

This is conducted by a special interviewer (assistant in the personnel department) or a high caliber receptionist in the employment office. ***Applicants are asked why they are applying for a job with this organisation. Salary requirements, education and experience can be obtained by asking.***

The information thus provided by the candidate may be related to the job or personal specifications regarding education, experience, salary expected, aptitude towards the job, age, physical appearance and other physical requirements.

If a candidate meets with the requirements of the organisation, he may be selected for further process.

Many firms do not bother to initiate paper work at this early stage. This type of interviews are known as **stand-up interviews.**

The main objectives of such interviews is to screen out undesirable/ unqualified candidates at the very outset.

2. Application form:

This is used as one of the selection tools.

It provides factual information needed for evaluating the candidate's suitability.

Once hired, the data can become a part of the employee's records.

It contains written record of:

- Identifying information
- Information regarding education
- Information regarding experience
- Expected salaries and allowances and other fringe benefits
- Information regarding community activities

3. Reference checks:

The applicant is asked to mention the names and addresses of his former employees and also of two or three persons known but not related to him.

Referees may be called upon to give detailed information about candidate's capabilities.

If references are checked in the correct manner, a great deal can be learned about a person that an interview or tests can't elicit.

4. Employment tests

Tests are instruments designed to measure selected qualities and abilities in terms of job specifications. Such tests provide a sample behavior that is used to draw inferences about the future behavior or performance of an individual.

Employment selection & tests

Measures of Human characteristics

Physical Characteristics

Height
Weight
Senses
Visual activity

Abilities & Skills

Dexterity
Mathematical ability
Verbal ability
Intelligence
Clerical Skills

Interests

Mechanical Aptitudes
Mechanical Interests
Scientific Interests
Economic Interests
Cultural Interests

Personality traits

Sociality
Dominance
Cooperativeness
Tolerance
Emotional stability

Aptitude tests

Achievement tests

Situational tests

Interest tests

Personality tests

Multi-dimensional testing

Employment selection tests

Types of Psychological tests

Aptitude tests

Intelligence/ mental tests
Emotional Quotient
Skill tests
Aptitude tests
Psychomotor tests
Clerical aptitude tests

Achievement tests

Job knowledge test
Work sample test

Situational tests

Group discussion
In basket

Personality tests

Objective tests
Projective tests
Situation tests

Interest test

Multi-dimensional testing

Aptitude tests:

These tests measure whether **an individual has the capacity or latent ability** to learn a given job if given adequate training. They are used to determine their ability for effective job performance after the completion of the training period.

Such tests are more valid when an applicant has little or no experience along the lines of the job opening.

a) Intelligence (IQ) or Mental tests:

In general, these tests measure intelligence quotient of a candidate.

In detail, these tests measure capacity *for comprehension, reasoning, word fluency, verbal comprehension, numbers, memory* etc.

b) Emotional quotient (EQ) Tests:

Most of the organisations realised that emotional involvement and commitment of the employees determine their contribution to the company rather than their intelligence quotient.

c) Skill tests: measure the candidate's ability to do a job perfectly and intelligently.

These tests are useful to select the candidates to perform artistic jobs, product design, design of tools, machinery etc. The candidates can be selected for assembly work, testing and inspection also.

d) **Mechanical aptitude tests:** measures the capacities of spatial visualisation, perceptual speed and knowledge of mechanical matter. These tests are useful for selecting apprentices, skilled mechanical employees, technicians etc.

e) **Psychomotor tests:** measure abilities like motor ability and eye hand coordination of candidates. These tests are used to select semi-skilled workers and workers for repetitive operations like packing and watch assembly.

f) **Clerical aptitude tests:** measure specific capacities involved in office work. Items of this test include spelling, computation, comprehension, copying, word measuring etc.

Achievement Tests

These are conducted when applicants claim to know something as these tests are concerned with what one has accomplished. These tests are more useful to measure the value of a specific achievement when an organization wishes to employ experienced candidates.

- a) **Job knowledge test:** Under this test, a candidate is tested in the knowledge of a particular job. For example, if a junior lecturer applies for the job of a senior lecturer in commerce, he may be tested in job knowledge where he is asked questions about accountancy principles, banking, law, business management etc.
- a) **Work sample test:** Under this test, a portion of the actual work is given to the candidate as a test and the candidate is asked to do it. If a candidate applies for a post of lecturer in management, he may be asked to deliver a lecture on Management Information System as work sample test. Thus, the candidate's achievement in his career is tested regarding his knowledge about the job and actual work experience.

Situational test:

This evaluates a candidate in a similar real life situation. In this test, the candidate is asked either to cope with the situation or solve critical situations of the job.

- a) **Group discussion:** This test is administered through the group discussion approach to solve a problem under which candidates are observed in the areas of initiating, leading, proposing valuable ideas, conciliating skills, oral communication skills, coordinating and concluding skills.
- b) **In basket:** Situational test is administrated through in basket. The candidate in this test is supplied with actual letters, telephone and telegraphic message, reports and requirements by various officers of the organization, adequate information about the job and organization. The candidate is asked to take decisions on various items based on the in basket information regarding requirements in the memoranda.
- c) **Interest tests:** The purpose of this test is to find out whether a candidate is interested or disinterested in the job for which he is a candidate and to find out in which area of the job range/occupation the candidate is interested. ***The assumption of this test is that there is a high correlation between the interest of a candidate in a job and job success.***

Numerical Aptitude test

As a Christmas present, Ben gave his two sons \$2000, which he divided between them in a ratio of 2:3. How much did the son receiving the larger portion get?

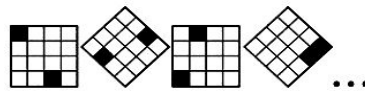
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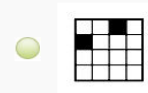
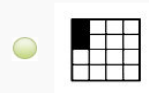
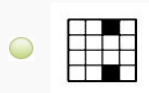
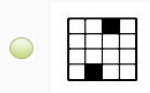
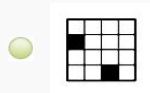
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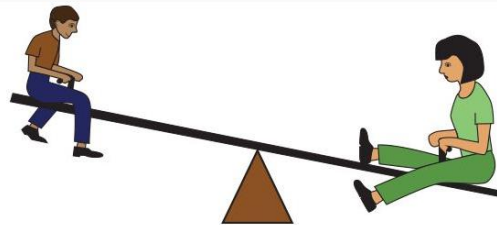
Abstract Aptitude Test



What is the next shape in this series?



Question #1



A mother weighs 100 Kg and her son weighs 50 Kg. If the son is sitting 6 meters from the pivot, how many metres from the pivot should the mother sit to balance the seesaw?

☐ 1 metres

☐ 2 metres

☐ 3 metres

Mechanical Aptitude Test

Situational Test

Please rate the following responses:

	Undesirable			Desirable		
	Highly Undesirable	Undesirable	Slightly Undesirable	Slightly Desirable	Desirable	Highly Desirable
1. Set up weekly meetings with your team to review progress and set up short-term objectives.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Inform the team that there is too much careless work and announce the introduction of a formal record of errors. Stress the fact that individuals making repeated errors will be dealt with.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Interview (5th step in selection)

Preliminary interview

- Informal interview
- Unstructured interview

Core interview

- Background information interview
- Job and probing interview
- Stress interview
- The group discussion interview
- Formal and structured interview
- Panel interview
- Depth interview

Decision-Making interview

Interview is the most widely used selection technique by all kinds of organizations.

- Interview is a two way communication which enables the employer to view the total individual and appraise the candidate and his behavior.
- It is a method by which an idea about an applicant's personality (including his intelligence, breadth of interests and general attitudes towards life) can be obtained by a face-to-face contact.

In STRESS INTERVIEW, the interviewer tests the candidate by putting him under stress and strain by interrupting the applicant from answering, criticizing his options, asking questions pertaining to unrelated areas, keeping silent for unduly long periods after he finished speaking etc. Stress during the middle portion of the interview gives effective results. Stress interview must be handled with utmost care and skill.

In DEPTH or ACTION Interview, experts test the candidate's knowledge in depth in core areas of job skills and knowledge.

Types of interview



- Companies which conduct on-campus interviews fall into two categories: looking to fill specific positions, or those who are collecting more resumes. Find out which category the company falls in
- Know the company – Do some pre-research
- Find out the nature of the interview
- Dress well and Be energetic



- Conducted for a job where candidate is not local / for prescreening.
- Typical questions or behavioral questions may be asked
- Make sure your call waiting is turned off, you are in a quiet room, and you are not eating, drinking or chewing gum.
- If there is enough common ground, then the phone interviews are followed-up by an in-person interview.



- Conducted when the candidate is in a different geographical location
- Make sure there is no background noise; you are in a closed room with instructions that you should not be interrupted for next one hour.
- Dress appropriately as you could be seen; Watch your body language
- Check for understanding when / if the network breaks

Types of interview

1-on-1 Interviews



- Most Traditional form of interview
- Consists of interviewer and the interviewee
- Usually conducted by your potential Manager
- Questions are asked about your skills and experience
- You could be asked "Why would you be good for this job?" or "Tell me about yourself."

Panel Interviews



- Objective is to save time / to get the collective opinion of panel regarding the candidate.
- The panel may consist of different representatives of the company such as human resources, operations, and training.
- Each member of the panel may be responsible for asking questions that represent relevancy from their position.

Interview over a meal



- Employer invites you with other team members to see how you fit in.
- Great time to ask any questions - Prepare your questions in advance.
- Don't order anything that is too expensive / messy to eat.
- Never take your leftovers home in a doggy bag either.
- Have your best table manners; You don't need to offer to pay.
- Chew in small bites so you don't get caught with a mouthful when questioned.

Types of interview

Behavioral Interviews



- Interviewer wants to see how you deal with certain problems.
- The logic behind the behavioral interview is that your future performance will be based on a past performance of a similar situation.
- Questions based on common situations of the job you are applying for may be asked.
- Expect questions like - What did you do when you were in X situation?

Stress Interviews



- Common in sales positions and is rare today
- It is a deliberate attempt to see how you handle yourself under pressure
- The interviewer may be sarcastic / argumentative / may keep you waiting.
- Do not take it personally & calmly answer each question.
- Ask for clarification if you need it; never rush into an answer.

Case Interviews



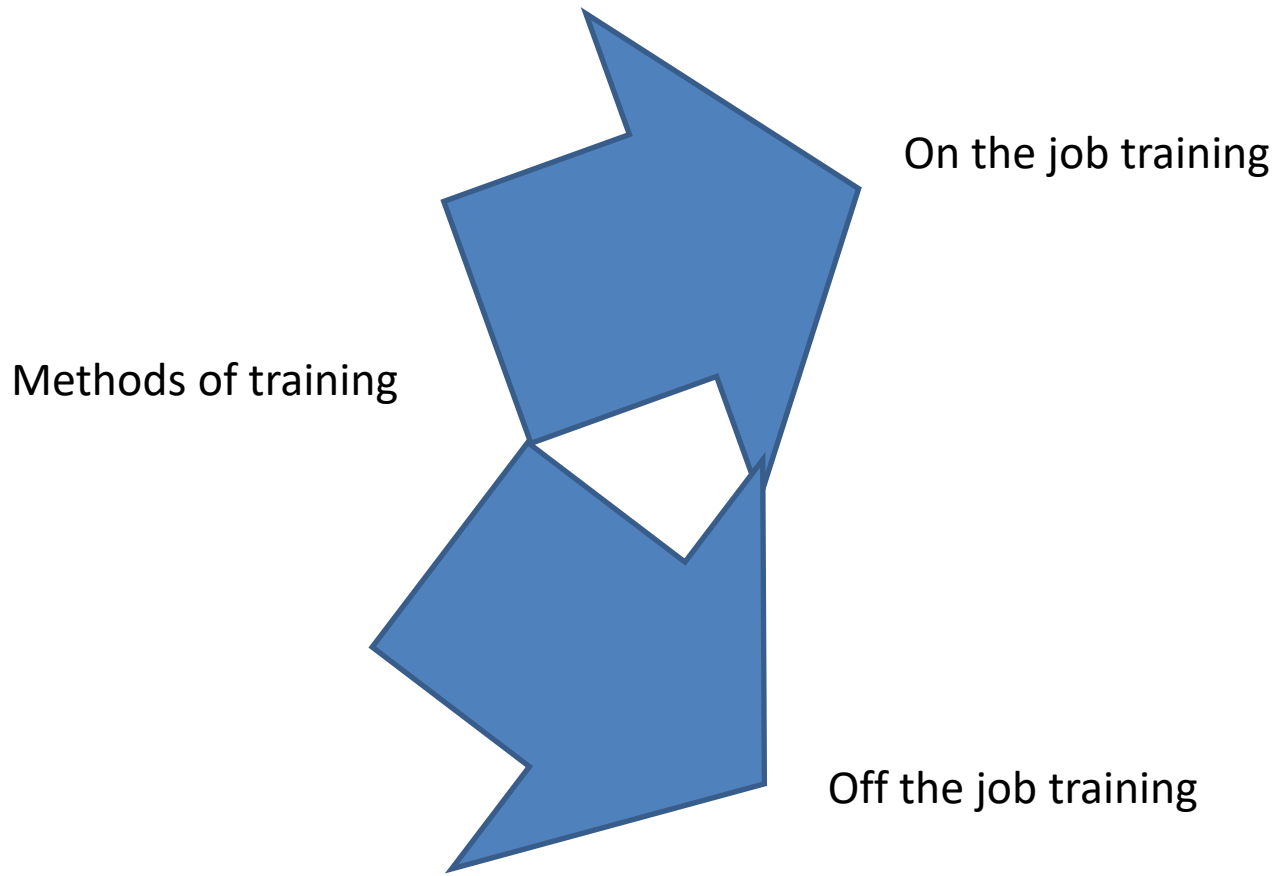
- The interviewer will outline a situation / provide you with a case
- You do not have to come up with the ultimate solution. The interviewers are looking for how you apply your knowledge & skills to a real-life situation.
- Speak aloud so interviewers have an understanding of your thought process.
- Before answering a case interview question, ask questions for clarity.
- Take notes and jot down thoughts as you work through.

TRAINING

Training is the **act of increasing the knowledge and skill of an employee** for doing a particular job.

The purpose of training is to **achieve a change in the behavior** of those trained and to enable them to do their jobs in a better way. Training is not a one-step process but it is a continuous or never-ending process.

Training is different from education. Education is concerned with improving the general knowledge and understanding of the employee's total environment. Ex: Automobile mechanic and automobile engineer. In some cases, training and education occur at the same time.



Categories of training methods

1. On the job training:

- The trainee learns on the actual equipment in use and in true environment of his job.



2. Vestibule/ Classroom training:

- ✓ Duplicates on the job situations in a company classroom.

Categories of training methods

3. Apprenticeship programs:

- Employees are employed on a small stipend to learn the job first and after satisfactorily completing the training they are absorbed in the industry.



4. Work Simulation training:

- ✓ Simulation is a technique which duplicates, as nearly possible, the actual conditions encountered on a job.
- ✓ Most widely used in aeronautical/ defense settings.

Induction

Let us assume that the HR team has carefully recruited, screened, and tested several applicants for that new position. When the time came to make a hiring decision, the HR team confidently selected the most qualified candidate. But two months later, the new hire resigned, confessing that s/he "never felt part of the company."

The right first impression is everything, and a poor employee induction can cost one dearly. It's a fact: ***those who don't start right don't tend to stick around long.*** And high turnover means the HR team must find new people all over again.

To retain new employees, it's critical to have an effective induction program.

Staff members who are properly trained and welcomed at the beginning of their careers feel good about their choice of employer, fit in quickly with colleagues, and readily contribute new ideas. They also represent the company more confidently to customers, business partners, and suppliers.

Thus, an induction program is the process used within many businesses to welcome new employees into the firm or organization and prepare them for their new role. An induction is planned to provide the new employee with the information he/she requires to settle down comfortably and efficiently into the firm.

Induction primarily allows the employee **to get familiarized with the basics of the organization**, its policies and procedures, its processes, its goals, vision, mission, values, compensation payout methods, reimbursement payout methods and the nature of business the organization is involved in.

These basics focuses more on the information or knowledge that is immediately required for an employee to feel comfortable. This also introduces the employees to gain an understanding about the organizations work culture.

Why Induction?

- Induction provides an opportunity for both employer and new employee to confirm their decision to continue their professional association.
- In any organization, employee turnover is seen to be the highest within the first 3 months. Induction is a good opportunity to build cohesiveness between the employee and the employer. The idea is to eliminate any chances of turnover.
- Induction in certain countries by law requires that new employees be told about the health and safety procedures to be followed in certain situations.

Types of Induction

An organization needs to make a strategic choice before designing an induction/orientation programme. They are: Formal Induction and Informal Induction

Informal Induction

In this the new employees are instructed to report to the HR department for an explanation of organization policies before being referred to the manager for on the job briefing on specific work process.

In informal orientation, new employees are put directly on the job and are expected to adjust themselves on the new job and organization. Informal orientation tends to be brief; may last for an hour or may be less than an hour.

Example: A sales person is asked to go along with a tenured high performing sales person or his manager to make sales calls and learn about the product and the selling skills during the calls.

Formal Induction

Here the management has a structured programme which is executed when new employees join the firm. Formal induction is more elaborate and is spread over a couple of weeks or months. Most formal induction programmes consist of three stages:

- General introduction to the organization is often given by the HR department.
- Specific orientation to the job and the department, typically is given by the supervisor or manager.
- Follow up meeting to verify that the important issues have been addressed and employee questions have been answered. This follow up meeting usually takes place after a week of joining between the new employee and the manager.

A formal induction programme is shared by the HR specialists and managers..