List of Exercises for Communication & Etiquette Skills

1. Listening Exercises

Objective: Improve comprehension and awareness of different types of etiquette.

Exercise:

- Watch videos on different types of etiquette (Corporate, Email, Social Media, Dining, etc.).
- Take notes on key rules and best practices.
- Summarize the video in 5-6 bullet points.

Suggested Videos:

- Corporate Etiquette: How to behave professionally in the workplace.
- Meeting Etiquette: How to participate effectively in meetings.
- Email & Social Media Etiquette: How to communicate professionally online.
- **Dining Etiquette:** Proper table manners and restaurant behavior.

Practice Task:

- Watch a video on **Dining Etiquette** and list **5 important rules**.
- Compare Indian vs. Western dining etiquette.

2. Speaking Exercises

Objective: Develop confidence in group communication & persuasive speaking.

(A) Team Presentation

Task: Work in a group to prepare a **5-minute team presentation** on:

- Importance of Etiquette in Professional Life.
- Social Media Do's & Don'ts.
- Negotiation Skills for Career Growth.

Steps:

1st Research the topic.

2ndDivide sections among team members.

3rd Practice delivery & ensure smooth transitions between speakers.

4th Use slides or visual aids if necessary.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Clarity of speech.
- Body language & confidence.
- Logical structure & engagement.

(B) Negotiation Skills Exercise

Task: Role-play a business negotiation scenario.

- Scenario 1: A salary negotiation between a job candidate and an HR manager.
- Scenario 2: A customer negotiating a discount with a supplier.

Practice Steps:

1st **Define the objectives** (what each side wants).

2ndState arguments clearly with supporting points.

3rd Listen actively to the other party's concerns.

4th Use persuasive language and propose compromises.

Key Phrases for Negotiation:

- "I understand your concern, but let me explain why this is beneficial..."
- "Can we reach a middle ground where both of us benefit?"
- "If we agree on X, would you be willing to consider Y?"

Evaluation Criteria:

- Confidence & Persuasiveness.
- Ability to stay calm & professional.
- Effective use of negotiation techniques.

3. Reading Exercises

Objective: Improve understanding of sentence structure through phrases and clauses.

Task 1: Identify Phrases & Clauses in a Passage

- Read a short paragraph and underline phrases and clauses.
- Example passage:

"Running late for the meeting, she quickly grabbed her bag and left."

- **Phrase:** Running late for the meeting.
- Clause: *She quickly grabbed her bag and left.*

Task 2: Rearranging Sentence Components

- Given Jumbled Words: Arrange them into a meaningful sentence.
- Example:
- the / concert / was / by / delayed / heavy rain
- Corrected Sentence: The concert was delayed by heavy rain.

Task 3: Read & Highlight Key Phrases in Professional Emails

- Example: "I appreciate your quick response and look forward to our discussion."
- **Identify the phrase:** "look forward to our discussion."

4. Writing Exercises

Objective: Enhance writing fluency and paraphrasing skills.

(A) Free Writing on Any Given Topic

Task: Write for 10 minutes non-stop on a topic without worrying about grammar.

- Topics:
- The Role of Etiquette in Everyday Life
- Social Media: Connecting or Isolating People?
- The Impact of Technology on Human Interaction

Practice Steps:

1st Choose a topic.

2ndSet a timer for 10 minutes.

3rdWrite continuously without editing.

4th Review and refine key ideas afterward.

Focus Areas:

- Flow of ideas.
- Expressing thoughts freely.
- Avoiding overthinking.

(B) Paraphrasing Practice

Task: Rewrite given sentences using different words and structure while maintaining the meaning. **Examples:**

Original Sentence

Paraphrased Sentence

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"Technology is changing the way we work."

"The meeting was postponed due to bad weather."

Paraphrased Sentence

"The workplace is evolving due to technological advancements."

"The poor weather conditions caused the meeting to be rescheduled."

Practice Steps:

1st Read the original sentence carefully.

2ndIdentify the main idea.

3rdRewrite it using synonyms & different sentence structures.

Challenge Exercise:

• Paraphrase this passage:

"Social media has made communication easier, but it has also reduced face-to-face interactions among people." **Expected Output (Example):**

"While social media has simplified communication, it has also decreased in-person interactions."

Key Takeaways

Listening Exercises improve comprehension of etiquette rules.

Speaking Exercises develop confidence in team discussions & negotiations.

Reading Exercises enhance understanding of phrases, clauses & sentence structures.

Writing Exercises build fluency, creativity, and paraphrasing skills.

This Communication & Etiquette Exercise List provides a structured approach to improving listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Let me know if you need additional tasks or examples!