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**Department of Engineering Science and Humanities (DESH)** AY: 2024-25

Course: General Proficiency -II (HS 1080)

Title of Lab exercise-II: Effective Use of Body Language in the Professional world

Objective of the exercise: To learn to use body language effectively in professional word to

create a positive impact (During and after engineering study)

Preamble of the exercise: Your enthusiasm, attitude, and general personality are reflected to

people around you through your body language, which acts as a window into your character.

Positive nonverbal cues can help you become more approachable and build stronger

relationships with coworkers at workplace.

Principle motive with this exercise is to help in Recognizing your body language patterns,

learning to confidently interact with the people in the professional world and identify any

obstacles that may be preventing you from being assertive to perceive in favourable manner.

Significance of Body language in building the perception: Body language is the use of

physical behaviour, expressions, and mannerisms to communicate nonverbally, often done

instinctively rather than consciously. Whether you're aware of it or not, when you interact with

others, you're continuously giving and receiving wordless signals. All nonverbal behaviours

like the gestures, posture, tone of voice, eye contact enhances and amplifies verbal messages

and send strong signal about the intention and purpose behind the same. Most of time you are

being watched than heard or listen very intentionally. This is to build the perception about

attitude, mindset, approach, confidence, assertiveness, inquisitiveness, progressiveness and all

other attributes those are demanded tangibly or intangibly for the growth professionally and

personally too.

Ways to demonstrate positive/assertive body Language:

1. Face Expression: All emotions are being captured from Human face expression and

hence referred as one of the most AGGRESSIVE forms of body language to express.

Facial expression in tune with the content being conversed is assistive in reinforcing

the faith about the content and behaviour as well. Mirroring facial expression is a key

to ensure about meaningful engagement and feedback.

2. Body movement: an appropriate movement of body part asserts the intention and

purpose of the communication or behaviour and confirms an impression of the trust.

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3. Posture and Gesture: Open posture reflects the open mindness and adoptability

/acceptability. Gesture helps in coordination of the content and feeling between the two

parties. Appropriate gesture raises the affirmative signals and clears the intent behind

the content or behaviour.

4. Eye Contact: Eye is the most expressive organ in the human body. Appropriate eye

contact demonstrates the interest, trust and willingness in the conversation and

behaviour pattern. Continuous contact (excessive/staring) is not assistive and may

likely to exhibit the dominating approach.

5. Space: adequate physical space during the conversation builds a mental comfort and

helpful in the exploration of body language in more engaging manner.

6. Voice and Tone: What you say matter but how do you say or express is more appealing

in the constructive behaviour pattern. Appropriate voice modulation in sync with the

body language is a key to ensure you are not only heard but listened too.

7. **Body movement:** Steady, calm and composed body language in the interaction is more

engaging than some dramatic movement which spoils the spirit of interaction by

portraying dominance or over confidence.

Apart from above mentioned guidelines, unnecessary head nods, eyebrow raising, fake and

synthetic expression and smile, louder expression needs to be avoided in view of an

effective interaction and subsequent benefits in the professional world.

**Guidelines for the conduct of the exercise:** 

1. This exercise to be performed in group.

2. List down assistive body language traits towards effective interaction at workplace.

3. Demonstrate/exemplify the learned body language attributes in a group.

4. Discuss the effectivity of the exercised body language attributes.

5. Summarize the learning and outcome of this exercise with an appropriate brief

writeup with above mentioned guideline points.

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## **CO-PO Mapping strength and Justification:**

PO	СО-РО	Mapping Justification
	mapping	
	strength	
PO 09	3	Exercise to learn and demonstrate the use of
		assertive body language towards building fruitful
PO 10	3	interaction and relations in the professional world
10 10	3	supports in team building and leadership (PO 09),
		ability to communicate effectively (PO 10) and
		ability to maintain and strengthen professional and
		personal relationship throughout work tenure (PO
PO 12	3	12). This justifies strong mapping with PO 09,
		PO 10 and PO 12.
	PO 09	mapping strength  PO 09 3  PO 10 3

## **Evaluation Guidelines/Parameters:**

- 1. Individual evaluation.
- 2. Understanding the assertive body language attributes.
- 3. Demonstration of the body language in a group.
- 4. Brief report on student's exercise.

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