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a.1 Explain the evolution of Organizational Behaviour (OB) concept.

- Ans. - Organizational behaviour (OB) evolved from early 20th-century classical management theories, which focused solely on efficiency into a multidisciplinary approach bridging psychology and sociology to understand human behavior, motivation, and group dynamics at work.
- It progressed from scientific management through the human relations movement to modern approaches considering technology, culture, and complexity.

#### \* Evolution of OB

- Early perspectives :- Rooted in industrialization pioneers like Robert Owen introduced early human-centric ideas while Adam Smith and Charles Babbage emphasized division of labor
- Scientific management Era :- Frederick Taylor's sought maximum efficiency through task specialization and standardized training, often treating workers as extensions of machines
- Human Relations Movement :- Initiated by the Hawthorne studies this period highlighted that social factors, employee morale, and attention to workers directly improve productivity.

- Organization Behaviours Era :- shifted towards understanding individual psychology, group dynamics, and organizational culture. This era emphasizes that employee behavior is influenced by both personal factors and the organizational structure.
- Contemporary OB :- Modern OB integrates technology, systems thinking, and organizational development to manage diversity, change and complex human interactions.

Q.2 Discuss any three internal or external forces that drive organizational change. Provide relevant workplace examples.

Ans: organizational change is rarely proactive; it is typically a response to pressures that arise either within the company or from the external business environment. Effective management requires identifying these drivers to adapt, remain competitive, and foster growth.

### 1) Technological Advancements (External force)

Rapid technological innovation is one of the most significant external forces requiring organizations to change to stay relevant. New technologies automation, and AI can make existing operational processes obsolete, demanding that companies upgrade systems, adopt new tools, or completely restructure workflows.

- Workplace Example: A traditional retail company, facing declining foot traffic due to e-commerce, invests in a customer relationship management (CRM) system and an online web store. This requires training sales staff on digital tools and reallocating resources from physical store maintenance to digital marketing and logistics.

- changing Market conditions & competition (External factors)  
customers preferences, tastes, and the actions of competitors are constantly shifting. organizations must respond to these changes to avoid losing market share. This includes adapting to new consumer values, such as sustainability or responding to competitor price, or product innovations.
- Workplace example - A consumer electronics company notices that customers are shifting toward eco-friendly products. To stay competitive, they change their product manufacturing to use recycled materials and redesign packaging to be plastic-free.

### 3. changes in Leadership (Internal Forces)

changes in managerial personnel, particularly at the executive level, frequently triggers significant internal change. New leaders often arrive with different philosophies, visions, and operational styles, leading to adjustments in structure, strategy, and culture.

- Workplace example - A company hires a new CEO who prioritizes agility over bureaucracy. The new CEO immediately starts flattening the organizational structure, removing layers of middle management, and implementing cross-functional team structures to speed up decision-making.

Q.3 Explain in details Blake and Mouton's Managerial Grid.

Ans. Blake and Mouton's Managerial Grid, developed by Robert R. Blake and Jane Mouton, is a behavioral leadership model that maps a leader's style based on their concern for people (Y-axis) and concern for production (X-axis) on a 1-9 scale. It identifies five key leadership styles, with the ideal being "Team Management" which balances high productivity with high employee satisfaction.

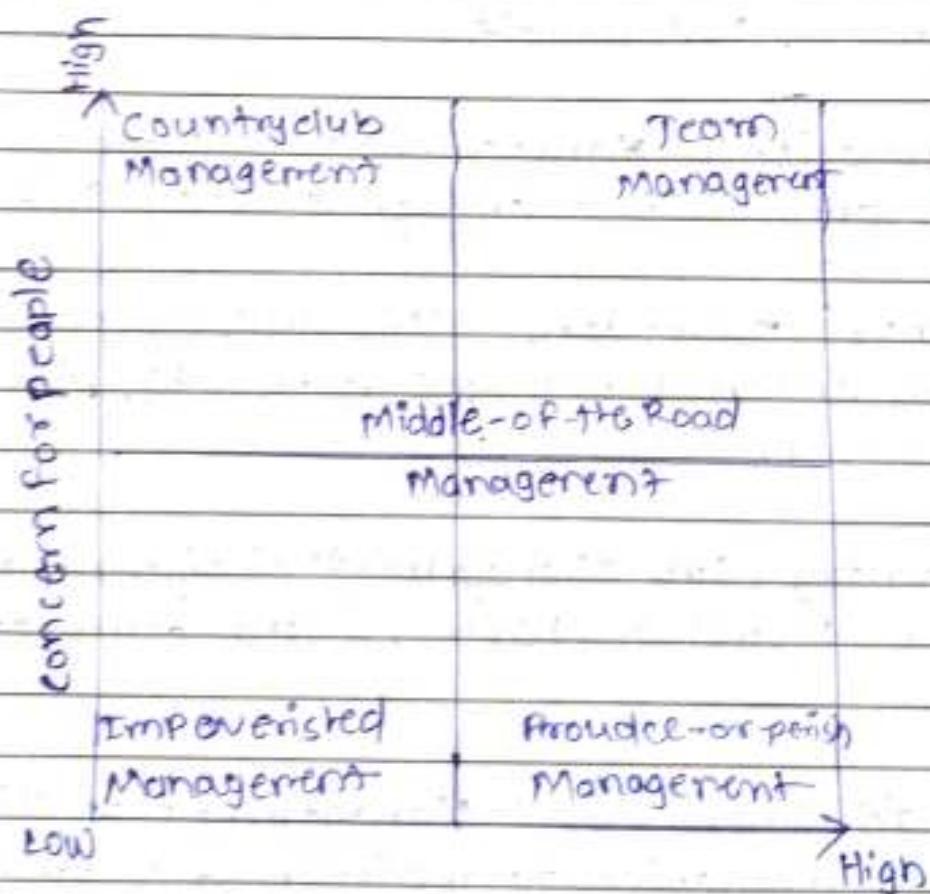
- Components and styles
- Dimensions : The grid measures concern for production and concern for people.
- 1,1 - Impoverished Management :- Low concern for both: minimal effort, just enough to stay in the job.
- 9,1 - Authority-Compliance (Produce or perish) :- High production, low people, autocratic, treating staff as resources
- 1,9 - Country club Management :- High people, low production, focus on harmony and comfort, neglecting results.
- 5,5 - Middle-of-the-Road Management :- Medium concern for both: compromises to maintain acceptable performance
- 9,9 - Team Management :- High concern for both fosters team commitment, trust, and high performance.

### Additional styles

- Paternalistic - Alternates between high care and high control, often seen as reward and punishment
- Opportunistic - Adopts whichever behavior promises the best personal benefit, switching styles based on the situation.

### Benefits

- Helps leaders identify their dominant and backup styles through self-assessment.
- Provides a clear, actionable framework for improving leadership effectiveness toward a 99 approach



Q.4. Illustrate the components of attitude and discuss how major job attitudes like job satisfaction, job involvement, and organizational commitment affect employee behavior.

Ans. Attitude comprises three components - cognitive, affective and behavioral - that dictate how employees react to their work environment. Key job attitudes, including job satisfaction, involvement and commitment, directly shape behaviors, influencing productivity, retention and organizational citizenship behaviors.

#### \* Components of attitude

- Cognitive component: The belief, opinion, or knowledge segment of an attitude (e.g., My pay is low)
- Affective component: The emotional or feeling segment of an attitude (e.g., I am angry about my pay)
- Behavioral component: An intention to act in a specific way based on the cognitive and affective components (e.g., I am looking for another job).

#### \* Impact of Major job Attitudes on Behavior

- Job Satisfaction: Represents a positive feeling about a job, resulting from an evaluation of its characteristics. High job satisfaction leads to higher productivity, increased organizational citizenship behavior and lower turnover.

- Job involvement :- The degree to which a person identifies psychologically with their job and considers their perceived performance level important to self-worth. High involvement makes employees highly invested in their work, often leading to better performance and reduced absenteeism.
- organizational commitment :- The degree to which an employee identifies with a particular organization and its goals, and wishes to maintain membership. This includes affective, continuance and normative commitment. Strong commitment increases loyalty, reduces turnover, and fosters a willingness to work toward organizational goals.