Group DISCUSSION



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Definition of Group Discussion

- Group Discussion is a modern method of assessing students personality.
- It is both a technique and an art and a comprehensive tool to judge the worthiness of the student and his appropriateness for the job.

Group Discussion

- The term suggests a discussion among a group of persons.
- The group will have 8 & 12 members who will express their views freely, frankly in a friendly manner, on a topic of current issue.
- Within a time limit of 20 to 30 minutes, the abilities of the members of the group is measured.

Prerequisites of a Group Discussion

- Topics given by panelists
- Planning and preparation
- Knowledge with self-confidence
- Communication skills/ power of speech
- Presentation
- Body Language and personal appearance
- Being calm and cool

Prerequisites of a Group Discussion

- Extensive knowledge base related to state, country and globe.
- Areas are politics, sports, science &trade commerce, Industry and Technology, MNC, ect.
- Analyze the social, economical issues logistically.
- Listening skills
- Co-operation.

Benefits in Group discussion

- Stimulation of thinking in a new way.
- Expansion of knowledge
- Understanding of your strength and weakness.
- Your true personality is revealed and qualities of leadership crystallize

Benefits of group discussion

- provides chance to Expose
- Language skills
- Academic knowledge
- Leadership skills

people handling skills

Team work

General knowledge.

Salient features of G.D.

- Topic may be given to judge your public speaking talent.
- Discussion revolves around a specific subject.
- The examiner does not interfere once he announced the topic.
- Maintain cordiality and free expression of thought and opinion.

Do's in group discussion

- Appropriate to the issue .
- Make original points & support them by substantial reasoning.
- Listen to the other participants actively &carefully.
- Whatever you say must be with a logical flow,&validate it with an example as far as possible.
- Make only accurate statements.

Do's in group discussion

- Modulate the volume, pitch and tone.
- Be considerate to the feelings of the others.
- Try to get your turn.
- Be an active and dynamic participant by listening.
- Talk with confidence and self-assurance.

Don'ts during group discussion

- Being shy /nervous / keeping isolated from G.D
- Interrupting another participant before his arguments are over
- Speak in favour; example: Establish your position and stand by it stubbornly
- Changed opinions
- Don't make fun of any participant even if his arguments are funny.

Don`ts during group discussion

- Don't engage yourself in sub-group conversation.
- Don't repeat and use irrelevant materials.
- Addressing yourself to the examiner.
- Worrying about making some grammatical mistakes, for your interest the matter you put across are important.

Important points in group discussion

- Be assertive: An assertive person is direct, honest careful about not hurting others 'self-respect'.
- A patient listener: listening to another person is one way of showing appreciation.
- Right language: Words can make friends & right words at the right time make the best results.
- Be analytical and fact-oriented: It is necessary to make relevant points which can be supported with facts and analyzed logically.

Accept criticism

- If any member of the group criticizes or disapproves a point, it is unwise to get upset or react sharply.
- In case the criticism is flimsy, the same can be pointed out politely.
- Maximize participation; one must try to contribute fully, vigorously & steadily throughout the discussion.
- Show leadership ability: A group discussion also evaluates your leadership qualities.

- Accept someone's point of view
- Praise the argument

Example: Remedial English communication is necessary for college students because they fail in communication skill test.

Status of literacy of women, is increased from 30% to 70% when compared to past years, in employment sectors organized, in the IT & ITES field.

- Accept the contradicts view
- Express your argument with few facts, cases, %,
- Newspapers publications etc.
- Express without hurting others feelings.

- Suggestions
- Never try to bluff.

 Practice group discussion with friends on different subjects.

Remember !speech is a powerful weapon.

Topics of Importance frequently discussed

- Is India Shining
- Mobile phones / Internet a boon or nuisance
- Students focusing on software industry-good or bad
- Child marriage
- India 2020
- Daughters are more caring than sons
- Influence of western culture in Indian Universities
- Influence of computers in medical sciences

Thank you

