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Group Discussion –Tips to do well

Group Discussion is a novel way to assess a person's personality. It is both a technique and art to judge the capacity of the person and his aptness for the job. It can be termed as a methodology to gauge whether a candidate has certain personality traits and skills an organisation desires in its members. It is also a chance to be more vocal.

Group discussion, as an evaluative tool has a few advantages over other methods. Though a group discussion can never be used in isolation or as a parameter that is complete in itself, it is immensely useful in getting a pointer to certain traits that a company is looking for in a candidate. Companies often use it as a part of the recruitment process and institutes lean heavily on it during times of admission. The paradox is that while most of us are quite comfortable in a group under normal circumstances, there is a sense of nervousness and uncertainty during formal group discussions that tends to affect spontaneous performance. So it would be helpful to keep a few things in mind.

Firstly, you should be very clear about what the objective of a group discussion

is. In most cases, it seeks to find those qualities that are not always evident or even apparent in a written examination or a personal interview. Say for example qualities like assertiveness, team participation, listening ability, concentration, reasoning ability and openness to disagreement. It is used to evaluate the following skills like communication, interpersonal, leadership, motivational, team building, analytical and logical, different thinking, initiative, creativity and ability to think on one's feet. Therefore, in a group of eight to ten, when in all probabilities you will not have enough time to prove your point conclusively, make sure that whatever scope you can make for yourself is used to your best advantage.

The best way to do so is by 'making your

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Life is like a piano. White keys are the happy moments and the black keys are the sad moments. But remember both keys are played together to give sweet music.

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The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

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Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible.



RI-President



K.R. Ravindran

President



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Prof. S.Gopinathan Nair

presence felt'. Here you have a tricky situation. Most candidates who are not naturally assertive tend to overdo the 'effort' by shouting their lungs out. This is a strict no-no even for people who are more confident. Please remember that 'assertiveness' and 'aggressiveness' are two different qualities, as any book on management basics would inform you. The important thing is to be heard; so make your chance and speak up. You should not let your voice suppress other opinions, but you should ensure your logic will.

This brings us directly to the content of what you wish to say. After the panel has given the group its topic for discussion it is best to just think for a few moments, weighing the issue from all angles, so to speak. It is always better to prepare in advance by being abreast of current affairs, as this would naturally make you more confident. However, do not panic if the topic is not all that familiar to you. Listen for a while and you are bound to pick up the general trend of information. A good communicator does not necessarily use language that is bombastic and high-flung and beyond the reach of understanding. Try to get your reasoning clear and use simple sentences to make your point. One way of 'being noticed' by the evaluators is to say something that is a little different from the general flow of arguments. It is always better to substantiate your point through examples rather than making comments at random. But don't say anything that is irrelevant just for the sake of standing out. You will be noticed for all the wrong reasons in that case.

Though it is not imperative that a group should always arrive at a consensus, you should at least try to move in the positive direction. A group that diverges in as many directions as there are members does not present a very good team picture. Agreed, the onus of reaching an agreement does not rest on you alone, but you could try to be the initiator in this regard. The evaluators no doubt would appreciate that. Remember not to introduce any new point in the discussion when it's time to wind up the loose threads.

Believe in the adage 'Practice makes a man perfect'. Try to participate in mock discussions before appearing for the real exercise. If this is not your strong point, do not lose heart if you are not able to crack the round on the first few occasions.

A little experience is going to make you a lot more confident. Do not make this your watchword and wait eternally but polish up your skills to sail through the discussion round with ease. In the final analysis, the group discussion is just the beginning. The qualities it puts to test will help you at every turn in your chosen path in life.

Rtn. PHF S Sasidharan

CLUB NEWS



Royalweeks and all members of the club congratulates and thank the effort put in by our P O Thomas who was able to get back the RI dues of our late member Mr. George Varghese. The club was credited with USD.32.85, which was the contribution made by the club for the deceased member. P O Thomas, a great stickler of rules and laws and with an eagle's eye to spot loop holes in the rules coupled with his active and constant follow up ensured this credit happened. This is the first time RI has refunded the dues paid.



Our member R Krishnan has been elected as President of the Alleppey Management Association (AMA) for the year 2016. AMA is affiliated to the All India Management Association (AIMA), an apex body of professional management with active support from the Government of India. AMA is a body to pool management thoughts, forum to develop managerial ethos and to facilitate the furtherance of the management profession in the district. Royalweeks along with all the members of the club extend their best wishes to R Krishnan for a successful tenure as the President of AMA.

RI NEWS

The top 10 charities changing the world in 2015

On Giving Tuesday, CNBC, one of the leading consumer and business news media outlets in the U.S., named its top 10 charities in the world, ranking The Rotary Foundation No. 5. Charities were chosen for changing the world while maintaining excellent financial standards. The article highlighted Rotary's tremendous work in eradicating polio.

5. The Rotary Foundation

This not-for-profit organization works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace. Using Rotary Foundation grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training opportunities.

One of its biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three countries.

Score: 96.31



Club Business

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2015

The meeting was called to order by the President Rtn. Adv. V Deepak. Rtn. N A M Kunju invoked the blessing of Almighty.

In Presidential address Adv. Deepak congratulated Rtn. Sivakumar for his commendable efforts as Registration Convener District Youth Service Seminar. President also observed that despite the event being organized in a meticulous manner low attendance spoiled the spirit of event. The speakers Deepak Purohit, Sanjay etc. gave very interesting and informative speeches. President congratulated Rtn. Rajeev Warriar and his team for a well organized Seminar. President thanked members of RC Alleppey for giving 25 registrations for seminar which was approximately 10% of total attendance at Seminar. President recognized the efforts of IPP Rtn. P O Thomas in getting reimbursement of RI dues of Late. Rtn. George Varghese. He informed that WINS project at Govt. GHSS is progressing according to the time schedule conceived. President also informed that District Governor visit is being postponed to January 20th from 6th of January, and also X'mas New year Celebrations of our club is postponed to January 2nd. President recognized the presence of Mr. Joseph Francis.

AG Prof. Gopinathan Nair congratulated Rtn. Sivakumar for his sincere efforts as Registration Convener District Youth Service Seminar.

Rtn. Raju Chandy congratulated Rtn. PO Thomas for the efforts put in getting reimbursement of RI dues which he felt hearing it for first time. He brought attention to Charter presentation of new club RC of Sherthallai Green City, he raised concern over starting new clubs. Recent history shows many of new clubs are struggling in discharging basic duty as a Rotary Club, many failed to even conduct Installation meetings. He suggested to Rtn. Deepak that being President of one of the oldest and responsible club, he should register our concern to DG during his visit to our club.

Rtn. D Vijayalakshmi informed that preliminary levels of FIRE are over and Grand Finale will be held on January 10th at Camelot Convention Center.

Secretary Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal read out anniversaries for the week and in vote of thanks thanked all Rotarians for attending meeting and for their valuable suggestions and appreciations, he also thanked Mr. Joseph Francis for attending the meeting. He extended a special thanks to Host for the day Rtn. Tomi Pulikattil, and then the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Rtn. Krishnan Venugopal

NB: Proposal of a new member Mr. Joseph Francis was accepted by Board in last meeting. If any member has any opinion regarding the proposal please share it with President or Secretary within 14 days.

Tea Host for Regular Meeting on 23.12.2015, Rtn. George Thayyil

FAMILY GALLERY

Why do one's eyes become red on consuming alcohol?

Since alcohol causes dilation of blood vessels due to release of histamine so increase in blood flow of vessels. The tiny blood vessels in the outer most layer of our eyes become dilated causing blood shot as well as hot eyes. Our cornea is transparent and that is why we can observe the redness of the eyes clearly. After some time it disappears. Some people tend to have red eyes very soon after drinking and for longer duration due to absence of enzyme aldehyde dehydrogenase which is responsible for breaking of alcohol into acetic acid and vinegar in liver. This is genetic and common in people of East Asian descent. Person with this disorder can develop crimson face, headache, nausea, hot eyes etc even by consuming as little as one drink. Besides heavy drinking depletes body of nutrients required for the healthy eyes leading to a condition termed as alcoholic optic neuritis.

Three month calender of events

 December, 30, 2015 Our club elections closed meeting at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey	 January, 10, 2016 FIRE (Family Involved Rotary Entertainment) Camelot Convention Centre Alappuzha	February 06,07, 2016 District Conference Winsdor Castle Convention Centre Kottayam
 January, 02, 2016 Christmas and New Year dinner meeting at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey	 January, 20, 2016 District Governor's visit to the club at Revi Karunakaran Rotary Hall, Alleppey	June 19, 2016 Awards Night Trivandrum Club, Trivandrum

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The four Way Test

of the things we think, say or do

- ☀ Is it the truth?
- ☀ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ☀ Will it build Goodwill and better friendships?
- ☀ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Family Gallery



Women's response to questions on survey.....

- 2 inches - I can't even hold it, properly.
- 3 inches - Never been so unsatisfied, in my whole life.
- 4 inches- I've had bigger than it.
- 5 inches- Good, but not enough!
- 6 inches- Almost all right.
- 7 inches- Can't complain, now.
- 8 inches - Perfect!
- 9 inches - A bit longer but manageable.
- 10 inches- Means pressure on stomach and intestine.

This survey was to understand Customer's Feedback on different SIZES of Subway Sandwiches.

But I love the way you think!!!



Girlfriend giving house directions to her Boyfriend:

"Come to the front gate of my apartment where you drop me, look for flat 9A, you will find a lift on your right. Hit 9 with your ELBOW....Get out of the lift, you will find my flat on left....hit the doorbell with your ELBOW and I get the door for you..."

Boyfriend says, Dear, that seems easy but why am I hitting buttons with my elbows?

Girlfriend, Oh my god, Are you coming empty handed..?

Boyfriend speechless...



Happy Birthday

George Samuel	14.12.2015
Kavitha Radhakrishnan	16.12.2015
Rithika Murugan	17.12.2015
Shayama Vijayakumar	18.12.2015
Molly Thomas	19.12.2015

Wedding Anniversary

George Zachariya	George	27.12.2015
Boney Mani	Thomas	27.12.2015

Appu Raju	Chandy	20.12.2015
Aswathy	Sivasadas	21.12.2015
Soumya	Aju	23.12.2015
Mahalakshmi	Biju Sathyan	28.12.2015

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