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TITLE OF PAPER

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COURSE CODE

CAE 204

TIME ALLOWED

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTION

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND

THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.

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QUESTION 1

Answer all Questions.

- i) A number of approaches to problem-solving exist, depending on the nature of the problem and the people involved in the problem. The approaches include:
 - A. Appreciative inquiry
 - B. The traditional, rational approach
 - C. Both (A) and (B) above
 - D. None of the above statements
- ii) the more traditional, rational approach involves the following:
 - A. Describing the problem
 - B. Isolating troubleshooters
 - C. Analysing causes of problem
 - D. Statements (A) and (C) only
- iii) One of the following is not a recognised problem-solving technique-which one?
 - A. Brain-storming
 - B. Means end analysis
 - C. Multiple intelligence design
 - D. Hill-climbing strategy (difference reduction)
- iv) Much of what managers do is
 - A. Make decision
 - B. Solve problems
 - C. Assess alternatives
 - D. Adopt a wait and see plan
- v) The characteristics of team-briefing include all but one of the items below:
 - A. Meetings convened by team leader
 - B. Meetings last for a short time
 - C. Meetings held one a quarter
 - D. Face-to-face group meetings in small teams

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- vi) The subject headings for team briefing include all but one of the following:
 - A. Policy
 - B. People
 - C. Progress
 - D. Promotions
- vii) Problem-solving
 - A. Forms part of everyday thinking
 - B. Is task-oriented; it is not a power struggle
 - C. Is an integral part of all mathematics learning
 - D. All of the above statements
- viii) Team briefing is a useful management communication tool
 - A. In voluntary work
 - B. In disaster relief forces
 - C. In the disciplined forces
 - D. All of the above statements
- ix) An interview is an interaction between two parties. It can be:
 - A. A panel interview
 - B. A research interview
 - C. A telephone interview
 - D. All of the above statements
- x) In an interview,
 - A. One party is getting and giving information
 - B. One is also reinforcing co-operative attitudes
 - C. Statements (A) and (B)
 - D. All the above statements
- xi) No one should accept the offer of tea or coffee at an interview because
 - A. It does not show good manners
 - B. It can make the mind tired quickly
 - C. It can interfere with interviewee polish-up
 - D. None of the above statements

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- xii) Counselling may be recommended for individuals encountering
 - A. Learning problems
 - B. Marriage problems
 - C. Debt management problems
 - D. All the above statements
- xiii) In a counselling session
 - A. The counsellor has to do all the talking
 - B. The client receives professional advice
 - C. The counsellor helps client to cope with his or her problems
 - D. Statements (B) and (C) only
- xiv) An important role of the chairperson is
 - A. To advertise the meeting in the press
 - B. To start the meeting on time or as soon as a 'quorum' is formed
 - C. To do most of the talking
 - D. Statement (B) only
- xv) There is no need to (always) plan one's presentation because:
 - A. It can be rehearsed minutes before presentation
 - B. Few participants will notice lack of planning in it
 - C. Community people are in a hurry to go somewhere
 - D. None of the above statements
- xvi) There is no need to worry about visuals in communication because
 - A. Some communities do not have electricity
 - B. Visuals distract adult's attention
 - C. Statements (A) and (B)
 - D. None of the above statements
- xvii) Diffusion of innovations is critical
 - A. Given the rapid change in all spheres of life
 - B. Because of the many challenges to cope with
 - C. So innovations can make the necessary impact on intended audience
 - D. Statements (A) and (C) only

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xviii) Mass media consists of:

- A. Electronic media
- B. Print media
- C. Cellular phones
- D. (A) and (B) only

xxiv) Message structure is important because of:

- A. Technology
- B. Different appeals message has to make
- C. Both (A) and (B)
- D. None of the above

xx) Communication contexts comprise

- A. Small group
- B. Public communication
- C. Mass communication
- D. All of the above statements

 $[20 \times 2 = 40 \text{ marks}]$

SECTION B

Answer any THREE questions.

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- 1. Identify and discuss two (2) types of interview. What factors must the interviewer or interviewee consider for the interview to be a success. [20 marks]
- 2. Discuss the idea of counselling from two points of view (work, job related, learning or personal). $[2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks}]$
- 3. Write an essay on the management communication tool termed 'team briefing' around the following topics: (a) purpose (b) features (c) subject-matter; and (d) potential problems.

 [4 x 5 = 20 marks]
- 4. Identify and discuss any two (2) approaches to problem-solving. Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer. $[2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks}]$