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PREFACE

In this age of competition where expansion in the quantum of jobs is going slow, the improvement in country's educational standard is potentiating the efficiency of job seekers and thereby competitions are becoming tougher with each coming day. To enable a candidate to make competition successful, he or she is required to improve the standard by acquiring knowledge on all the aspects of the competition, learn techniques and the way to present ideas, talent and characteristic abilities required for the specific job.

There is always a scope for improvement in all the persons and they can raise the level of their potential and make themselves more capable by study of the relevant books and guides on the subject. I have noticed that a number of competitors aspiring for visionary career are in the need of guidance and techniques to learn and generate confidence in them.

To ascertain the ability and personality traits of the candidate, he is screened from many angles to meet the job requirement. The group discussion is one of the important methods to ascertain ability of the candidate. The group discussion is the easiest and the best way of knowing capabilities of the individual. The Board of testing officers will ascertain through group discussion the decision making ability, command and clarity of language, knowledge on the subject, intelligence, tact to influence and impress others, systematic and positive approach, relevancy towards the subject, seriousness to achieve the object, ability to create healthy and good humour and other leadership qualities of the person required for the job.

To enable the candidates to make the group discussion successful, proper guidance, techniques, practice and knowledge of various subjects are necessary. I, therefore, started working by concentrating myself to prepare the guide on the subject by providing relevant materials on current burning issues and making the same purposeful for the aspirants looking for visionary career in Government or private sectors.

This book contains one model group discussion which demonstrates the drill of group discussion carried out on the testing table. This will be useful for the candidates to know how and when to speak in group discussion and make the same successful. There are eighty other topics in this book with latest materials and relevant points for both the sides of the topics. I am confident that this book will help the candidates in preparing for competitive examinations.

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MODEL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Group Discussion is conducted under the supervision of a testing officer or a board of testing officers. Generally two topics are given to the groups allowing them 5 minutes time to discuss amongst themselves and come to a conclusion out of the two. Remember, the testing officer will closely observe your role during the discussion and he will see how you make the group agree with you for the conclusive decision.

2. A demonstration is given on the drill of group discussion, which should be adopted on the testing table, for the guidance and general information of the candidates.

3. **Testing Officer**—"Ladies and gentlemen" Good Morning to you all. There will be a group discussion. I will give you two topics. You have to choose one out of the two. Five minutes are given to decide and come to a conclusion. Tell me after 5 minutes which topic you would like to discuss."

4. The topics are as follows :—

   (a) Who has a more important role in maintaining law and order–police or countrymen ?

   (b) Whether child care is the responsibility only of parents or others are also equally responsible."

5. There will be discussion amongst your group for 5 minutes. You should make your group agree with your logic to come to a decision to discuss the topic and inform the testing officer or the board of testing officers as the case may be within the time allowed.

6. Your decision will be communicated to the testing officer as under :—

   Candidate—"Sir, our group has come to the conclusion that we will discuss the topic "whether child care is the responsibility only of parents or others are also equally responsible."

   Note : The following are the important points to be followed :—

   (a) Remember you should try to take the lead to communicate the decision of the group to the testing officer.

   (b) The important point in the group discussion is that all the candidates are given chest or token numbers. The group discussion is not carried out as per seniority. No body will ask you to speak. You have to take the chance/

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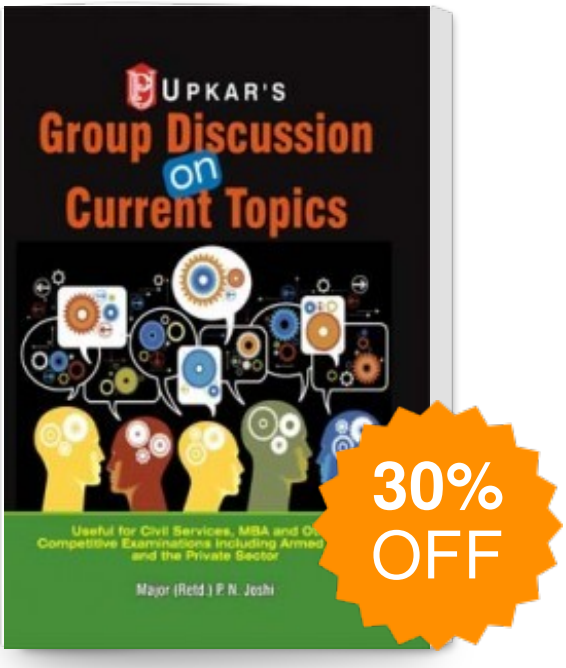

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