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Introduction

The real purpose of education is to develop natural potential of students and to build their personality to deal with the challenges of the fast changing world. In the present scenario where the schools are busy in preparing students for examinations these aspects hardly receive attention that they deserve. It is, therefore, necessary that out of school activities are undertaken to compensate for this deprivation. It is well known that the experiences gained at the formative age shape their personality. With this view in mind Institute for Oriental Study (IOS), Thane in collaboration with Vidya Prasarak Mandal's (VPM) London Academy of Education & Research, London has proposed to launch a "Certificate Course in Personality Development" for school going as well as post school students starting from January, 1, 2010.

The Course

The course would be implemented through distance mode. The duration of the course would be six months (January, 1 to June 30). It will have four components: 1. Reading Assignments, 2. Project Work, 3. Contact Sessions and 4. Visits Abroad. Salient features of each of these activities are spelt out in detail below.

Reading Assignments

Over a span of six months the candidates will be expected to complete minimum reading assignment. These assignments will pertain to various issues related to personality development. Some of the topics that would be covered are enlisted below:

- Communication skills
- Reading comprehension
- Quantification skills
- Interpersonal relations
- Decision making
- Minute observation
- Confidence building
- Motivation to excel
- Time management
- Facing the examination

Reading material will be made available either in print or in digital form. Candidates would be asked to refer to articles and PowerPoints made available on the website of the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane (www.orientalthane.com) and also on the World Wide Web from time to time.

Project Work

Each candidate is expected to complete a dissertation in order to qualify for the certificate. He/she will be assigned to a supervisor from the panel of recognized guides. The candidate will be free to choose the topic of his/her interest in consultation with the supervisor. The maximum time allotted for the completion of dissertation would be three months in addition to the duration of the course. For the course starting from January 2010 the dissertation must be submitted before September 30, 2010.

Contact Sessions

Contact sessions will be arranged for the candidates regularly at V. N. Bedekar Institute for Management Studies, Thane. These sessions will be used to clarify doubts related to reading assignments. A part of the time will be spent in discussing the progress of the dissertation and in providing concrete guidelines for further work. Digital facility will be used profusely to keep virtual contacts with all the candidates. This will enable the candidates to get in touch with supervisors and teachers immediately through e-mail if need arises.

Efforts will be made during the contact sessions to enhance peer interaction among the students. Group discussions will be arranged to share their ideas and experiences with the colleagues. Opportunities will also be provided to registered candidates to interact with students who have visited Britain under the personality development programme of the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane.

Visits Abroad

A 12 day educational tour to Britain will be arranged for all the registered participants in the month of May 2010. They will be taken to three important cities in Britain namely Oxford, Cambridge and London. The tour will consist of Seminars on personality development, Excursion to important museums/libraries/colleges and Visits to places associated with Indian revolutionaries in London.

Seminar on Personality Development

One day seminar will be arranged in London to acquaint the students with the parameters of personality development. Experts for the seminar will be drawn from the Institute of Education, University of London and VPM's London Academy of Education & Research, London. Students will have ample opportunities to interact with the faculty both formally as well as informally.

Excursion to important museums, libraries and colleges

Excursions to important museums, libraries and colleges will be arranged in Oxford, Cambridge and London. All the three cities have ample number of museums with good collection of well displayed artifacts. Similarly, each town has well equipped libraries with a large number of books and modern facilities for referencing. The towns of Oxford and Cambridge are famous for

their colleges that provide quality education. Visiting students will be taken to some of the colleges and will be exposed to college facilities and mode of teacher pupil interaction. Within the city of London there is so much to see. It has been observed in the previous educational tours of Indian students that they appreciate the visits to British museum, British Library, Victoria and Albert Museum, Natural History Museum and Art Museum near the Trafalgar square. An important part of the excursion in London is the journey by London Underground and sailing through Thames River. Most memorable is the visit to Royal observatory where participants can stand on Greenwich Mean Line and see the beautiful Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

Visits to places associated with Indian Revolutionaries

An important part of visits in London concerns with the places associated with Indian revolutionaries. This visit not only enables one to pay homage to great patriots but also helps to know how they planned their activities. A day long visit will be arranged during the tour to see personally the places associated with freedom fighters like Madanlal Dhingra, Udham Singh, Veer Savarkar, Lokmanaya Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, etc.

Mode of Assessment

At the end of the course the registered candidates will be assessed for the total score of 500 marks under three different heads: written examination, project work and participation in group discussion.

Written examination

Candidates will have to appear for three different theory papers carrying 100 marks each. The topics of the papers would be as follows:

1. Comparative study of Indian and British education systems
2. Role of out of school inputs to support school education
3. Utilization of leisure time effectively

Project work

Project work submitted by the candidate will be assessed critically and marks out of 100 will be assigned to each dissertation. Following criteria will be used for assessment.

- Content relevance
- Data collection and analysis
- Presentation style
- Language of expression
- Social relevance

Group Discussion

Group discussion will be arranged both in India and in England. Behaviour of the candidate will be observed during these discussion sessions. Assessment of the performance will be made based on the understanding of the subject, confidence displayed, language of expression and clarity of thought. Taking into account these parameters marks will be allotted to each candidate out of 100.

Certification

A candidate will be declared successful if he/she scores 60 percent or more marks in each of three assessment heads. Successful candidate will be awarded certificate jointly by the VPM's London Academy of Education & Research, London, and the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane, in a convocation function organized at the VPM's College Campus.

Course Fee

Each candidate will have to pay the fee of **Rs. 1, 25, 000** (Rupees One lakh twenty five thousand only) for the entire course. This fee will cover the reading material, contact sessions and 12 day tour to England (involving the entire expenditure of travel, stay, food and educational material). The fee can be paid in three equal installments: First installment of Rs. 25, 000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) is to be paid at the time of registration, second installment of Rs. 50, 000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) is to be paid when the course begins (January 1, 2010) and the last installment Rs. 50, 000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) is to be paid after the completion of three months of the course (March 31, 2010).

Appeal

Candidates who wish to join the course should fill the attached Application Form and send it to me along with a demand draft of Rs. 25, 000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) on or before October 31, 2009. Each candidate is urged to obtain a passport and submit photocopies of the first and last pages of the valid passport to the office of IOS by January 1, 2010.

I look forward to a fruitful academic interaction for the benefit of school and college education in India and abroad.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Vijay Bedekar
President
Institute for Oriental Study
Thane, M. S. India

Application Form for the Certificate Course on Personality Development

To,
Dr. Vijay Bedekar
President, Institute for Oriental Study
Dr. Bedekar Hospital
Naupada, Thane 400 602

Dear Sir,

I wish to join the “Certificate Course on Personality Development” organized jointly by the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane and VPM’s London Academy starting from January 1, 2010. I am enclosing a demand draft of Rs. 25, 000 (Twenty five thousand only) as the first installment of my fee for the course. I am giving below my bio-data for your kind consideration.

Name _____

School/College _____

Date of Birth _____ Standard Studying _____

Hobbies _____

Special Achievements (if any) _____

Address for Correspondence _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Mobile Number _____ Email Address _____

I would be grateful if you could consider my case sympathetically and admit me to the said course. I am ready to undertake all the assignments given as a part of the course.

Place: _____

sincerely yours

Date: _____

(_____)

Consent from Parents

I/we give consent to my son/daughter _____ joining the certificate course on Personality Development jointly organized by the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane and VPM academy London. I/we are ready to bear all the expenses concerned with the course.

Mothers Signature _____ Father’s signature _____