

UNIT-III PROBLEM SOLVING

3.1 LISTENING

LISTENING TO/ WATCHING MOVIE SCENES

Listening to movie dialogue can give you a better grasp of the pronunciation of English words. Doing so helps you pronounce words correctly so it sounds more natural when you speak. Film can bring variety and flexibility to the language classroom by extending the range of teaching techniques and resources, helping students to develop all four communicative skills. For example a whole film or sequence can be to practice listening and reading and as a model for speaking and writing. Watching movies can improve the listening skills of students, whether they are learning English as a foreign language or whether they just want to improve their ability to listen, concentrate and comprehend.

The following tips are helpful to improve active listening skills:

- Consider eye contact.
- Be alert, but not intense.
- Pay attention to nonverbal signs, such as body language and tone.
- Make a mental image of what the speaker is saying.
- Empathize with the speaker.
- Provide feedback.
- Keep an open mind.

SPEAKING:

GROUP DISCUSSION – TECHNIQUES AND STRATEGIES:

Strategy for what to do in GD

Keep the following GD preparation tips in mind

When proposing an idea or argument, be very clear and structured in thinking and communication. Charm and personality takes you up to a certain point but after that it is simply your intelligence, thought process and command over the language which pulls you through. After proposing your idea, you must put forth a question. The person who

answers the questions will have to look at you while answering, giving you a chance to intervene with another idea. Once you learn to handle the group discussions in a scientific way, there is no need for you to resort to techniques such as shouting, hammering your fist on the table, etc. Whenever you face a tough situation, go back to basics and that is where you will find the answer. Remember your movie or picnic venue discussions. What works there will work here also.

Be Yourself:

The most important mantra to ace GDs is “Be Yourself”. The more you change things about yourself, the more trouble you would find yourself in. The best way to go about things is to be natural and make sure all your responses are natural and spontaneous. To ease the burden of yourself, see a group discussion as an extension of your everyday conversation. This would enable you to think straight, and make sure you do not let negativity cloud your thought process.

A Group Discussion is not a seminar:

The most fundamental principle of participating in a Group Discussion is that you need to speak; there is no escape to this bare minimum requirement of a group discussion. One simple task is to take notes and generate a list of points to speak on; unless you are specifically asked by the invigilators not to take a pen and paper inside. On the rough sheet of paper, prepare a small little framework analyzing the topic from every angle and ensuring that you have understood the multiple facets of the topic that are generally there.

Five Strategies to Make Group Discussion Better

- Ask Open-ended Questions.
- Summarize, Paraphrase and Repeat Back.
- Follow-up Questions.
- Allow for Silence.
- Take Notes on Key Points Discussed.