

BUSINESS STUDIES

Aims

1. To enable candidates to understand the modern business environment and to create awareness about various entrepreneurial opportunities.
2. To awaken a spirit of enterprise amongst candidates.
3. To provide an insight into the recent trends in business.
4. To acquaint candidates with the various aspects of Human Resource Management.
5. To provide knowledge and understanding of communication in modern business.
6. To identify the various sources of business finance and the role of regulators and intermediaries.

CLASS XI

There will be **two** papers in the subject.

Paper I - Theory: 3 hours80 marks

Paper II- Project Work20 marks

PAPER – I (THEORY): 80 Marks

Part I (20 marks) will consist of **compulsory** short answer questions testing knowledge, application and skills relating to elementary/ fundamental aspects of the entire syllabus.

Part II (60 marks) will consist of **eight** questions, out of which candidates will be required to answer **any five** questions, each carrying 12 marks.

1. Business Environment

- (i) Introduction to the concept of business environment.

Meaning and definition of business environment.

- (ii) Features and importance of business environment.

Features: dynamic, relative, inter related, complex, uncertain, totality of internal and external forces, general and specific forces, universality, various stakeholders;

Need to understand business environment: first mover advantage, early warning signals, business strategies, competitive advantage, customer confidence and public image, coping with change, customer needs, keeping pace with consumerism.

- (iii) SWOT Analysis

Meaning and importance of SWOT analysis.

2. Entrepreneurship

- (i) Introduction to Entrepreneur.

Meaning and definition of entrepreneur; types of entrepreneurs as given by Clarence Danhof: Innovative, Imitating, Fabian and Drone.

- (ii) Introduction to Entrepreneurship.

Meaning, definition and characteristics of entrepreneurship.

- (iii) Intrapreneurship

Meaning, definition and characteristics of intrapreneurship; differences between entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship

- (iv) Enterprise

Meaning and definition; steps in setting up an enterprise: selecting the line of business, choosing the form of ownership, locating the appropriate site to set up the business, financing the proposition (identifying capital requirements and its sources), setting up the physical layout and the facilities, acquiring required human resource. Compliance with statutory requirements, launching the business)

Startup business – meaning only.

- (v) Business risks and causes of failure.

Meaning of business risks. Types of business risks: strategic risks, financial risks,

operational risks, compliance risks, competition and market risks, environmental risks: a brief explanation of each.

Causes of business failure: internal and external.

3. Managers and Managerial Roles

(i) Introduction

Meaning and definition of a Manager.

(ii) Managerial roles

Managerial roles as given by Mintzberg: informational (monitor, disseminator, spokesperson), interpersonal (figurehead, leader, and liaison), and decisional (entrepreneur, disturbance handler, resource allocator, negotiator): brief explanation of these roles.

(iii) Authority, responsibility, and accountability.

Meaning and definition of authority, responsibility, and accountability; their interrelationship; sources of authority: formal, acceptance, competence; delegation of authority; principles of delegation of authority; centralization and decentralization of authority; distinction between delegation and decentralization of authority.

(iv) Change management.

Meaning and definition of change management; need for change; resistance to change; overcoming resistance to change; brief explanation of unfreeze-change-refreeze model of change management with the diagram.

4. Automation at Workplaces

(i) Introduction

Meaning and definition of mechanization and automation; distinction between the two; evolution from mechanization to automation; merits and demerits of automation.

(ii) Productivity enhancement tools and facilities at different workplaces.

- *Banks: ATM, passbook printing kiosk, cheque/ cash depositing machine, SMS alerts*
- *Retail Industry: barcode scanner and POS machine (Point of Sale), card swipe machine*
- *Corporate Office: Biometric system, photocopy machine, LED Projector, scanners, laptops, smartphones. Video conferencing, intercom, internet and wi-fi, VoIP (voice-over internet protocol).*

A basic understanding of each of the above (details of functioning not required).

PAPER II - PROJECT WORK: 20 Marks

Candidates will be expected to have completed **two** projects from any topic covered in Theory.

Mark allocation for **each** Project [10 marks]:

Overall format	1 mark
Content	4 marks
Findings	2 marks
Viva-voce based on the Project	3 marks

A list of suggested Projects is given below:

1. Study the importance of changes in the business environment. Examine any two companies that had first mover advantage in Indian business environment and how they reacted to entry of global competition.
2. Study and compare SWOT analysis of two leading public sector companies from different industries.
3. As a fresh graduate, select a business opportunity and prepare a business plan for a startup business giving the following:
 - Details of the business idea
 - Products and/or services
 - Finance and its sources
 - Marketing plan

4. Explain how promotion of startups contributes to the economic growth of the country. Consider different aspects such as:
 - Employment generation
 - Mobility of labour
 - Capital formation
5. Select one firm each from any two different industries (e.g. banking, retail, hotel, pharmaceuticals, tourism, automobile, cement, steel). Analyse the business risks for each of the two firms selected by you. As an efficient manager, how would you mitigate such risks?
6. List any two businesses in different industries that have failed drastically and study the reasons for their failure. You may consider aspects such as, Finance, Marketing, Operational inefficiency, Managerial inefficiency, etc.
7. Your organization is revamping its processes from manual to automated mode. There is a lot of resistance from the workers. As a senior manager, state how would you overcome this resistance. Discuss on the basis of the following points:
 - The nature of business
 - Changes that you would propose in the process
 - Positive and negative points for the stakeholders
 - Benefits of the change to the employees
 - Unfreeze Change and Refreeze model for your change management
 - Retention policies
 - Conclusion
8. Bring out in detail the upcoming innovations in any two industries e.g. automobile, education, retail, aviation, hospitality, tourism.
9. Make a list of various productivity enhancement tools and facilities available to banking industry and retail business. Study two banks and two departmental stores and examine if they are using the facilities available to them. Evaluate the benefits availed by the firm and the customers.
10. Study the productivity enhancement tools and facilities used by corporate world. Examine how it has helped the corporate world perform and serve better.