

Group Discussion

Now-a-days a few banks have also started taking group discussions as a part of the selection process.

It is always good for the aspirants to prepare well for Group Discussions well in advance as it requires a lot of practice and good command over communication skills. Therefore my advice to all of you would be that you should always keep on working on your communication skills even if you do not have any interview or group discussion in your hand. Regular practice will help you immensely when you will actually have to appear in Group Discussions. So all of our friends here are few tips on how they can tackle the group discussion part of the bank exams or for that matter any exam or entrance test.

Tips for the Group Discussions:

Try to initiate the discussion which will help you to get edge over the others, however if you are not sure about the topic please do not initiate just for the sake of initiating. If you are not comfortable with the topic than it would be better for you to listen to the views of others for a few minutes and thereafter you can come up with your views on the topic. You should also try to conclude the discussion as it would also help you to create a good impression over the evaluators and at the same time you can always conclude well after listening over the views of other participants.

Do not try to speak in a hasty manner just to impress the evaluators, the objective should be to speak well, so have patience and try to intervene in between with well thought over views and present them forcibly.

You need to be a good listener during the course of discussion. Take keen interest in what others are saying and try to build over what others are saying. Moreover if you listen carefully you can always take a few clues from others which would help you in building over discussion.

Never indulge in any arguments with others, sometime situation may arise that there may be a clash of opinions but you should understand that you are not there to win points over others rather your objective should be to clear the test. So avoid any such situation.

Be very polite and have a smile on your face and always show the positive approach by speaking good things about the topic. Don't talk any negative thing which may create bad impression over the evaluators.

Be very attentive and nod your head while listening to others, from time to time, during the course of discussion.

Always prepare well for your group discussion, good preparation helps you to boost your confidence which is so vital during the discussion.

The points which can give you an edge over others:

If you can initiate the discussion in a well manner.

If you help the group to keep the things on track and do not let the discussion go out of track.

If you coordinate well and try to finish the discussion within stipulated time.

If you can maintain your cool even in adverse situations. Even if there are arguments and noise in the discussion you should try to pacify the things and should try to behave in a mature manner as it is a test of your communication skills, leadership skills and your ability to manage the teams well.

Tips for IBPS PO Group Discussion

IBPS PO Group Discussion : Bank PO Group Discussion : Group Discussion Bank Exams

Canara Bank has recently announced that Group Discussion will be a part of the selection process for final selection of Probationary Officers. It is likely that a few more banks will also conduct group discussions as a part of selection process. As always we will urge you to prepare well in advance for your bank exams. We are providing here you some useful information about group discussions.

What is a Group Discussion? The term suggests a discussion among a group of persons. The group will have 8 to 10 members who will express their views freely, frankly in a friendly manner, on a topic, which will be given by the conductors of the discussion. Within a time limit of 20 to 30 minutes, the abilities of the members of the group are measured.

Do's & Don't of a Group Discussion

Do's

- **Make original points & support them by substantial reasoning.**
- **Listen to the other participants actively & carefully.**
- **Whatever you say, must be with a logical flow, validate it with an example as far as possible.**
- **Make only accurate statements.**
- **Be an active and dynamic participant by listening.**

- **Talk with confidence and self-assurance.**

Don't

- ☒ **Being shy /nervous / keeping isolated from G.D.**
- ☒ **Interrupting another participant before his arguments are over.**
- ☒ **Don't make fun of any participant even if his arguments are funny.**
- ☒ **Don't engage yourself in sub-group conversation.**
- ☒ **Don't repeat and use irrelevant materials.**

Body Language

Positive body language is extremely important in Group Discussion. Here are a few suggestions.

- ☒ **Eye expressions are very important. Don't look here and there & have direct eye contact while talking with somebody. If you are looking around desperately with shifty eyes it also indicates you are looking for help and cues to speak something.**
- ☒ **Hand & toes movement also indicates your confidence level. Drumming the hand & itching on your nose show your nervousness. Toes if pointed to the ground indicate anxiety.**
- ☒ **Wear comfortable clothes and be yourself. If the interiors are not air conditioned, sweating can be uncomfortable and also unsightly. Wear a good pair of shoes and socks.**
- ☒ **Do not cross your arms or your legs. Be natural and sincere is the final key to success.**

We will keep giving you more and more insight about Group Discussions, we will also suggest you relevant topics for the upcoming Group Discussions.