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UNIT – 1 ESSENTIALS OF BUSINESS LETTER WRITING

7Cs OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

[A] Introduction:

- Business communication, both oral and written, demands more competencies in language communication skills.
- In any business environment, adherence to 7Cs helps the sender in transmitting the messages with ease and accuracy.
- The qualities which are essential for a good communication are collectively called the Cs of communication because most of them begin with letter C.
- The powerful 7Cs of communication govern the composition of all messages, whether spoken or written. 7Cs are as following:

7Cs OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- 1. Completeness
- 2. Conciseness
- 3. Consideration
- 4. Concreteness
- 5. Clarity
- 6. Courtesy
- 7. Correctness

1. Completeness

- Complete communication develops and enhances reputation of an organization.
- They are cost saving as no crucial information is missing and no additional cost is incurred in conveying extra message if the communication is complete.
- A complete communication always gives additional information wherever required. It leaves no questions in the mind of receiver.
- Complete communication helps in better decision-making by the audience/readers/receivers of message as they get all desired and crucial information.
- It persuades the audience.

2. Conciseness

- It is both time-saving as well as cost-saving.
- It underlines and highlights the main message as it avoids using excessive and needless words.
- Concise communication provides short and essential message in limited words to the audience.
- Concise message is more appealing and comprehensible to the audience.
- Concise message is non-repetitive in nature.

3. Consideration

- Emphasize on "you" approach.
- Empathize with the audience and exhibit interest in the audience. This will stimulate a positive reaction from the audience.
- Emphasize on "what is possible" rather than "what is impossible". Lay stress on positive words such as jovial, committed, thanks, warm, healthy, help, etc.

4. Clarity

- It makes understanding easier.
- Complete clarity of thoughts and ideas enhances the meaning of message.
- Clear message makes use of exact, appropriate and concrete words.

5. Concreteness

- It is supported with specific facts and figures.
- It makes use of words that are clear and that build the reputation.
- Concrete messages are not misinterpreted.

6. Courtesy

- Courtesy implies taking into consideration both viewpoints as well as feelings of the receiver of the message.
- Courteous message is positive and focused at the audience.
- It makes use of terms showing respect for the receiver of message.
- It is not at all biased.

7. Correctness

- The message is exact, correct and well-timed.
- If the communication is correct, it boosts up the confidence level.
- Correct message has greater impact on the audience/ readers.
- It checks for the precision and accurateness of facts and figures used in the message.
- It makes use of appropriate and correct language in the message.

THANK YOU