

Title of the Activity : ‘Samavesh 2.0 : An amalgam of various online Tests for students during October 2020

Objective: Riding on the success of Samavesh 1.0 in May 2020, Samavesh October was launched with a more comprehensive series of online Tests during the month of October 2020. Following were the objectives of the activity:

- To keep the students productively engaged
- To prepare them for various competitive tests
- To hone their analytical, reasoning, languages skills
- To use the medium of online testing to reach out to maximum number of students
- To provide better support system by making a whatsapp group with all the subject experts and all the students who enrolled themselves for Samavesh 2.0 and for handling question related queries as and when required

Context : The test series aimed to supplement the studies of students by helping them prepare for various competitive tests. These tests were prepared by subject experts in the respective fields after thoroughly studying the current trends in various competitive exams.

Number of participants : 140 students and 9 Teachers

Practice :

The activity was conducted by Samavesh group to ensure quality exposure of various relevant topics to students. The tests were useful for students from all streams. The tests were multiple choice tests and each participant could check her score after completion. Only one response could be given for one question. The link remained open for one day and the students could attempt at a time convenient to them. They could put forward their doubts in a whatsapp group specially prepared for the registered candidates. A nominal fee of Rs. 300 was charged from the students. Various tests on the topics were prepared and shared with the students. A new topic ‘International Studies’ was added in Samavesh 2.0 In addition, an online interaction with all the subject experts at the end of Samavesh

test series was conducted to further guide them for various competitive exams. Following Subject coordinators along with Ms. Minakshi Rana, the coordinator of Samavesh prepared and uploaded the tests in the group on a regular basis.

English Language – Dr. Aparna Sharma and Ms. Ruchika Singh

Logical Reasoning – Ms. Sahiba Sharma

History and Culture of India, History and Culture of Punjab, History of esteemed organization of DAV – Dr. Minakshi Rana

Current Affairs – Dr. Manika Kohli

Information Technology, Cyber Safety, Data Interpretation, Universe and Space Research- Ms. Priyanka

General Science, Know your food, innovations and inventions – Dr. Shafila

Sports, Media and Entertainment, Data Interpretation, Indian Economy – Ms. Shabnam

International Studies – Ms Ritu Chauhan

English Language : The tests were based on grammar topics relating to tenses, subject verb agreement, narration, pronouns and sentence construction. These topics go a long way in rectifying the common mistakes that students make while writing in English and also prove useful during handling English Language Tests in various competitive exams.

History and Culture of India, Punjab and our esteemed organisation DAV: The tests were based on the freedom struggle, festivals, food, religious and cultural ceremonies, philosophy of Arya Samaj and establishment of DAV as India's largest non-governmental educational organisation. It is of utmost importance that the students of the College are aware of the rich legacy of their institution. Apart from this, the topics included in 'Samavesh' aimed to help the students know their motherland better and enrich themselves. These topics are also important from the point of view of competitive exams conducted in India at graduate/post graduate level.

Logical Reasoning: The tests were based on logical reasoning. The topics included number series, verbal classification, blood relations, analogies, verbal

reasoning, letter and symbol series, artificial language and matching definitions etc. Logical thinking skills gave students the ability to understand and build upon knowledge without any incremental guidance. It contained different types of reasoning questions which were intended to judge analytical and logical skills of the students. Logical reasoning is an important part of almost every competitive exam in today's times.

Information Technology and Cyber Security: These tests were based on Information Technology topics related to computer fundamentals, MS- Word, MS Excel, cyber security etc. In this world of the internet, computer skills are required almost everywhere, so the basic knowledge of computers is crucial. These tests provided the students the ability to test themselves, understand the need for computers and increase their knowledge.

Current Affairs and General Awareness (National and International): The tests were designed to evaluate knowledge of the students about current affairs. The scope of these questions ranged from issues of national as well as international importance. Questions pertaining to economic, political, legal, and socio-cultural issues were included to provide multi-disciplinary exposure to the students. Further, an attempt to test the awareness of the students about world famous

and award winning books was also made. Knowledge about current and general affairs equipped the students with the required information which would be helpful to them for appearing in various competitive exams. This would immensely benefit them in their future pursuits.

General Science: The tests were based on General Science covering various science subjects including Biology, Environment Science, Chemistry, Physics, Food and Nutrition. Questions on daily life observations, nutritious food, immunity boosters, innovations and inventions were also designed. For further testing the knowledge of students about their surroundings, questions related to current pandemic Covid-19 were also included. Science is one of the most important subjects that the students study as it helps them in building critical thinking skills that they need in every subject. General science based questions are frequently asked in various competitive exams.

Sports and Entertainment: The tests were based on Sports and Entertainment covering general questions on sports and game and different areas of entertainment industry. The questions were based on national and international games, media and social media.

International Studies: The tests were based on topics such as International Current Affairs, Recent World History, International Organizations. The questions ranged from studies of the structure and functioning of various world organisations such as United Nations Organization, World Health Organization, Amnesty International, several associations of countries, history related with world wars, origin of democracy in world, important International Days and current events. The knowledge of such world events has its marked importance and the tests were designed to help the participants to widen their about the same.

Evidence of success :Students looked forward to the test everyday and promptly attempted the tests. They also filled the online feedback forms after the tests. Many of them expressed their gratitude to the Samavesh Team for the meticulously prepared tests and also thanked the team for handling the queries promptly. Students also felt that the tests were useful to help them focus on the areas where they needed improvement. The suggestions would be incorporated in the next test series of Samavesh. They also enjoyed interacting with the teachers at the conclusion of the Test Series. Students participated in the session with keen enthusiasm and expressed their desire to be a part of the next Test Series. The teachers not only guided them from the point of view of various competitive exams but also motivated them to keep working hard till they achieve their goals.