

SET C

UPC	: 12033903_OC
Name of the course	: B.A. Honours / B. A. Programme
Name of the paper	: Soft Skills - SEC
Semester	: IV/VI
Marks	: 75 marks
Time limit	: 3+1 (one hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Instructions for Candidates

Attempt any three questions.

All the questions carry equal marks (25 marks x 3 questions = 75 marks)

Each answer is to be written in 500-800 words

1. Socrates had said thousands of years ago, “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” In the context of the above statement, how has this pandemic created new opportunities for team work? Explain with the help of suitable examples.
2. It has been said that “Emotional intelligence is the difference that makes the difference”. What do you understand by the term emotional intelligence? How does it make a difference to you and the way you respond to people and situations?
3. “Some failure in life is inevitable. It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default.” - J.K. Rowling. Why is it important to experience failure in order to be successful? Which soft skills, according to you, will help you in achieving success in the future even after you have failed before?
4. What do you understand by the terms ‘social consciousness’ and ‘social inclusion’? Do you think that the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns have created wider gaps in society on one hand, while in some cases social responsibility has seen positive leaps for the cause of humanity? Discuss both the cases, giving at least one example for each.
5. If the coronavirus pandemic has proven anything, it’s that change can happen incredibly fast. Those who have shown (and will continue to show) great flexibility and the capability to adapt quickly will be in high demand in the future of work. Do you think adaptability as a soft skill has been the most essential during the pandemic? Give five examples of adaptability skills that you have acquired in the past one year.
6. Parkinson’s Law states that work expands to fill the time allotted for its completion. Do you agree with this law? Do you think time management is an important soft skill? Do you think this pandemic has made you re-visit your time management skills?