



Syllabus for Critical Thinking and Communication

CRITICAL THINKING AND COMMUNICATION

Critical Thinking

Logical ability - Pattern recognition, Deduction, Arrangements and Combinations

Reasoning Skills - Deduction, Cause and Effect, Analysis

Thinking critically in pedagogy - Effective Questioning: Checks for Application, Checks for Understanding; Content Development and Planning, Different Teaching Methods, Different types of Assessments, Different purposes of Assessments

Teamwork and Leadership

Teamwork and Leadership – Different ways to Collaborate, Working in Groups, Giving and Receiving Effective Feedback, Critique and Appraisal, Different Leadership styles

Pedagogy of Building Critical Thinking & Communication

Learning Theories & Learner Diversity - Different Learning Theories, Different Teaching Practices, Different Learning Styles

Pedagogy of building Communication Skills - Content Development and Planning to teach Communication Skills (writing, speaking, listening), Student Assessment and Remediation (writing, speaking, listening), Different types of Communication, Different activities which involve communication (writing, speaking, listening)

Pedagogy of Building Critical Thinking - Content Development and Planning to build Critical Thinking, Student Assessment and Remediation (to test for and remediate students' understanding and application of critical thinking), Various Assessment Tools, Effective feedback

Communication

Active Listening - Comprehension, Different types of Communication, Elements of different communication styles, Different types of Listening styles and their purpose, Clarifying questions, Comprehension

Effective speaking and writing - Reading comprehension, Language, Expression, Clarity and Structure, Sensitivity in spoken and written language, Tone and voice

Building presence - Summarising, Debate and Discussion, Classroom management techniques, Involvement, pace and individual attention, Body language, Tone and Voice