Soft skills and its importance: Pleasure and pains of transition from an academic environment to work-environment. Need for change. Fears, stress and competition in the professional world. Importance of positive attitude, self-motivation and continuous knowledge upgradation.

Self Confidence: Characteristics of the person perceived, characteristics of the situation, Characteristics of the Perceiver. Attitude, Values, Motivation, Emotion Management, Steps to like yourself, Positive Mental Attitude, Assertiveness.

Presentations: Preparations, Outlining, Hints for efficient practice, Last minute tasks, means of effective presentation, language, Gestures, Posture, Facial expressions, Professional attire.

Vocabulary building: A brief introduction into the methods and practices of learning vocabulary. Learning how to face questions on antonyms, synonyms, spelling error, analogy etc. Faulty comparison, wrong form of words and confused words like understanding the nuances of spelling changes and wrong use of words.

Listening Skills: The importance of listening in communication and how to listen actively.

Prepositions and Articles: A experiential method of learning the uses of articles and prepositions in sentences is provided.

Problem solving; Number System; LCM &HCF; Divisibility Test; Surds and Indices; Logarithms; Ratio, Proportions and Variations; Partnership; Time speed and distance; work time problems;

Data Interpretation: Numerical Data Tables; Line Graphs; Bar Charts and Pie charts; Caselet forms; Mix Diagrams; Geometrical Diagrams and other forms of Data Representation.

Logical Reasoning: Family Tree; Linear Arrangements; Circular and Complex Arrangement; Conditionalities and Grouping; Sequencing and Scheduling; Selections; Networks; Codes; Cubes; Venn Diagram in Logical Reasoning.

TEXTBOOKS:
4. The Hard Truth about Soft Skills, by Amazon Publication.

REFERENCES:
1. Quantitative Aptitude, by R S Aggarwal, S Chand Publ.
3. Data Interpretation, R S Aggarwal, S Chand Publ.
4. Nova GRE, KAPAL GRE, Barrons GRE books;
5. Quantitative Aptitude, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
7. The BBC and British Council online resources
8. Owl Purdue University online teaching resources
9. www.grammarbook.com online teaching resources
10. www.englishpage.com online teaching resources and other useful websites.

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Group Discussions: Advantages of Group Discussions, Structured GD – Roles, Negative roles to be avoided, Personality traits to do well in a GD, Initiation techniques, How to perform in a group discussion, Summarization techniques.

Listening Comprehension advanced: Exercise on improving listening skills, Grammar basics: Topics like clauses, punctuation, capitalization, number agreement, pronouns, tenses etc.

Reading Comprehension advanced: A course on how to approach middle level reading comprehension passages.

Problem solving – Money Related problems; Mixtures; Symbol Based problems; Clocks and Calendars; Simple, Linear, Quadratic and Polynomial Equations; Special Equations; Inequalities; Functions and Graphs; Sequence and Series; Set Theory; Permutations and Combinations; Probability; Statistics.

Data Sufficiency: Concepts and Problem Solving.

Non-Verbal Reasoning and Simple Engineering Aptitude: Mirror Image; Water Image; Paper Folding; Paper Cutting; Grouping Of Figures; Figure Formation and Analysis; Completion of Incomplete Pattern; Figure Matrix; Miscellaneous.

Special Aptitude: Cloth, Leather, 2D and 3D Objects, Coin, Match Sticks, Stubs, Chalk, Chess Board, Land and geodesic problems etc., Related Problems

TEXTBOOKS:

REFERENCES:
1. Quantitative Aptitude, by R S Aggarwal, S Chand Publ.

Facing an Interview: Foundation in core subject, Industry Orientation/ Knowledge about the company, Professional Personality, Communication Skills, activities before interview, upon entering interview room, during the interview and at the end. Mock interviews.

Advanced Grammar: Topics like parallel construction, dangling modifiers, active and passive voices, etc.

Syllogisms, Critical reasoning: A course on verbal reasoning. Listening Comprehension advanced: An exercise on improving listening skills.

Reading Comprehension advanced: A course on how to approach advanced level of reading, comprehension passages. Exercises on competitive exam questions.

Specific Training: Solving campus recruitment papers, National level and state level competitive examination papers; Speed mathematics; Tackling aptitude problems asked in interview; Techniques to remember (In Mathematics). Lateral Thinking problems. Quick checking of answers techniques; Techniques on elimination of options, Estimating and predicting correct answer; Time management in aptitude tests; Test taking strategies.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

**REFERENCES:**
1. **Speed Mathematics, Secrets of Lightning Mental Calculations**, by Bill Handley, *Master Mind books*;
5. **Quick Arithmetics**, by Ashish Agarwal, S Chand Publ.;
8. **The BBC and British Council online resources**
9. **Owl Purdue University online teaching resources**
10. www.thegrammarbook.com online teaching resources
11. www.englishpage.com online teaching resources and other useful websites.