



## Day 07 Std.9th Bridge Course2023-24 Career Guidance

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#### **7. Career Guidance**

##### **Learning Outcome:**

Listen attentively to a variety of programmes.

Listen attentively to an entire speech, story, poem, programme, etc.

##### **Learning Activity/Experience:**

Teacher reads the following extract in a very clear voice explaining why we need career guidance in our life.

Teacher asks student to read it silently and answer the questions.

##### **Solved/Demo Activity:**

## **Career Guidance**

Time has changed so has education. Some years ago students wanted to become either engineers or doctors, but nowadays several opportunities are there in several sectors of education. Including the main streams of Arts, Commerce and Science. There are several streams like technology, biotechnology, fashion technology, information technology, bioinformatics, management studies, forensic science, law, industry, travel and industry, mass communication, public relations, defence services and so on. The availability of various options leaves students confused. And here is the need for career guidance. After completing matriculation and junior college studies, students are more confused. The decision taken at this stage is really a crucial one. At this stage career guidance or vocational guidance plays a vital role. It tests the students' potential and shows them the correct path as far as his/her career is concerned. Apart from it, a number of colleges, availability of seats, fee structure, application duration and job prospects are also given due focus on career guidance. It also focuses proper light on soft skills needed for specific jobs. In the case of pursuing higher studies abroad, the road map is clearly mentioned in career guidance. It shares not only the information on admission criteria and scholarships but also placement opportunities. In this regard, career guidance is playing a very significant role in the lives of students.

**Tick whether the following statements are true or false.**

**Teacher writes the following sentences on the board.**

- 1) There is competition in every sector.
- 2) We need to focus on our studies.
- 3) There are limited streams of education.
- 4) Career guidance plays a vital role only in domestic education.
- 5) One can easily seek his/her future with the help of career guidance.
- 6) Career guidance should be taken while one is studying in class X and class XII.

**Ans:**

- 1) There is competition in every sector. **true**
- 2) We need to focus on our studies. **true**

3) There are limited streams of education. **false**

4) Career guidance plays a vital role only in domestic education. **false**

5) One can easily seek his/her future with the help of career guidance. **true**

6) Career guidance should be taken while one is studying in class X and class XII. **true**

**Practice:**

□ Note down the advantages of career guidance in your notebook.

**Extension/Parallel Activity/Reinforcement:**

□ Collect the news and articles based on career guidance published in various newspapers and share them with your class and teachers.

**Ans:**

**The advantages of career guidance:**

- Career guidance is beneficial for people who want direction in their professional journey.
- It helps individuals understand their strengths, interests, and skills, which helps them make informed career choices.
- Career guidance provides valuable information about various industries, jobs, and the education needed for those jobs.
- It helps individuals set realistic career goals and enhances their chances of getting hired by teaching them skills like resume writing and interview preparation.
- Career guidance offers personalized support, boosting confidence and motivation.
- In summary, career guidance helps people make better career decisions, navigate the job market, and succeed in their chosen paths.

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Graduating from Classes 10 and 12 has us making, what we are made to believe at the time, the decision of a lifetime. Ever so often, we hear that the rest of our lives will evolve based on what we chose to do after finishing high school. Considering the gravity of the situation, and the following-the-herd mentality that prevails among students and parents, here's a look at which career is best suited to you.

# Which stream to float on?

The board exam results of Classes 10 and 12 are expected to be announced soon. But many students are confused and worried about what lies ahead once they step out of school or college. Engineering or medicine..? CA or finance..? Advertising or journalism..?

In today's age, there are abundant career options that you can pursue after Class 10 and 12.

However, while making a career decision, students enrol for courses following the herd mentality, taking courses that are most popular, or selecting a course as per their parents' wishes. A majority of the students admit themselves to courses without evaluating their abilities, aptitude or interest. It has been observed that without evaluating their abilities and passion, students have selected engineering, medicine or CA courses due to parental pressure or peer influence. Later they realise that they are not fit for that career.



It is high time for students and parents to realise that not every student is cut out to be a doctor, engineer or CA. Instead of blindly selecting a career stream, it would be beneficial to meet a career counsellor who can guide you towards evaluating your abilities and provide career options that suit you.

So, how does career counselling benefit you? Here's a look at how a career counsellor can guide and help you through the confusion of selecting the right path for yourself.

#### Evaluating your true potential:

Career counsellors use scientific psychological assessment tests to evaluate your abilities with respect to aptitude, interest, personality traits and intelligence level. This process helps in identifying your strengths and weaknesses; thus the counsellor can facilitate your career stream or course selection process.

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#### Insight into career options:

With so many specialisation options available, students are unaware of what these career options entail. A career counselling session will help you understand details about various careers, courses, entrance exams, job avenues, salary expectations and future scope.

#### Assistance in goal setting:

The counsellor helps you, step-by-step, towards effective career planning and goal setting in your career endeavours. The counsellor will assist you in setting and achieving your academic and life goals, thus helping you in both personal and professional development.

#### Inculcating confidence and motivation:

The career counsellor provides essential support to boost your morale. Career Counsellors provide essential guidance issues such as time management, effective study habits, stress management and personality development. You can also be assisted on resume writing, job interview skills training and college to job transition guidance.

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