

# B.C.A. (Honours) & B.C.A. (Honours with Research) (Semester - 1 and Semester - 2) Saurashtra University To be effective from June – 2023

# CS-05: CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

## **Objective:**

- Identify and define problems clearly and accurately
- To use logic, reasoning and analytical tools to evaluate information
- To recognize the value of ongoing learning and reflection in problem-solving, and continuously work to improve skills and approaches.
- To generate creative and innovative solutions to complex problems, and evaluate potential outcomes and consequences.

# **Prerequisites:**

• A willingness to engage in self-evaluation.

Unit No.	Topic	Details
1	Personality Development	<ul> <li>Self-awareness         Conducting self-assessment exercises, personality tests.</li> <li>Emotional Intelligence         Practicing emotional regulation and social skills</li> <li>Motivation         Setting personal and academic goals and developing strategies to achieve them.</li> </ul>
2	Introduction to Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	<ul> <li>Definition of critical thinking and problem solving</li> <li>Importance of critical thinking and problem solving in personal and professional life</li> <li>Approaches to critical thinking and problem solving</li> <li>Techniques of problem solving</li> </ul>
3	Time Management and Goal Setting	<ul> <li>Importance of time management</li> <li>Techniques for managing time effectively</li> <li>Goal setting and its importance</li> <li>SMART goal setting</li> <li>Prioritizing tasks</li> </ul>

#### **Course Outcome:**

- Develop a deep understanding of critical thinking concepts.
- > Develop the ability to identify and analyze problems critically, using logic and reasoning to evaluate different solutions and arrive at an effective decision.
- ➤ Enhance the ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with others, and work together to solve complex problems.



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- > Develop a creative mindset and an ability to think outside the box, and generate innovative solutions to complex problems.
- > Develop the ability to learn from failure, and use these experiences to grow and improve problem-solving skills.

## **Reference Books:**

- > Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman
- "Critical Thinking: An Introduction to Analytical Reading and Reasoning" by Larry Wright
- ➤ "The Art of Thinking Clearly" by Rolf Dobelli
- ➤ "Critical Thinking: A User's Manual" by Debra Jackson and Paul Newberry