

UNIT 8

Pre-task

Here is a career inventory. Circle the letters that best describe you. Circle as many as you wish :

<p>(A) I like playing sports. (B) I like solving puzzles. (C) I like being the leader in a group. (D) I like to talk. (E) I enjoy drawing pictures. (F) I ask a lot of questions.</p>	<p>(A) I like to spend my free time outdoors. (B) Arithmetic is my favourite subject. (C) I would rather act in a play than watch one. (D) I enjoy being part of a group and solving problems. (E) When I grow up I want to be my own boss. (F) Science is my favourite subject in school.</p>
<p>(A) I like to make things from scratch of wood, paper, metal, cloth etc. (B) I like to make lists of things I need to do. (C) When I grow up, I want to run my own business. (D) I enjoy helping people. (E) I enjoy making up stories. (F) I can sit and watch birds at a feeder for a long time.</p>	<p>(A) I like working with plants and animals. (B) My handwriting is clear and neat. (C) I would enjoy being the Mayor of my own town. (D) I like putting my feelings into writing. (E) I would rather work by myself in a group. (F) I like to solve complicated puzzles and problems.</p>
<p>(A) I like to work with tools. (B) I feel better when my room is neat and tidy. (C) I am happier playing in a group than by myself. (D) I am never shy about telling my friends what I think. (E) I would enjoy decorating my entire house. (F) I enjoy looking through an encyclopaedia.</p>	<p>(A) I like to build models. (B) I enjoy working on a computer. (C) I enjoy doing group projects in school when I am a leader. (D) I enjoy meeting new people and making new friends. (E) Music is my favourite subject. (F) I would enjoy travelling to far away places to learn how other people live.</p>

Eg. Count the numbers of As, Bs, Cs etc. you circled and record the results in the blanks below :

As _____ Bs _____ Cs _____ Ds _____ Es _____ Fs _____

Note : If you have a score of four or more next to any letter, you might be interested in learning more about the careers similar to these in the clusters listed below. If you did not score four in any category, your interests are still developing.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Coaching	Computer Programmer	Sales person	Teacher	Actor	Professor
Mechanic	Operator	Manager	Social worker	Artist	Researcher
Farmer	Banker	Clergy	Doctor	Small scale Businessman	Archeologist
Plumber	Accountant	Lawyer	Nurse	Fashion Designer	Anthropologist
Forester	Secretary	Business Manager	Journalist	Architect	Engineer
Electrician			Reporter	Musician	
Carpenter			Advertising		

Read 1

GETTING READY

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions we have to make in our lives. The jobs we select have far reaching consequences in our lives. It has also an impact on everything from our lifestyle to family interactions to health. Career is an important part of our identity. Sometimes it's hard to decide what you really want to do. But with some reflection and information, you can gain clarity about the best career choice for you. For beginners here are 10 questions that you should ask yourself. These can help you understand yourself well and help you choose the most appropriate and satisfactory career for you.

1. What are my interests?

This is the most important question to ask yourself because the people who take up work which they don't like, feel exhausted and frustrated at the end of the day. The most satisfied people are those who enjoy their jobs. Interests mean the people, information, activities or things we enjoy most. Here are a few questions to ask yourself to find out our interests.

- Do I prefer working with people, numbers and data, abstract ideas or animals or equipment?
- What kind of books do I love reading?
- What kind of events do I like to do for fun?
- Do I like spending my time indoors or outdoors?

2. What are my values?

Our values are one of the most important things for us. Values can be even more important factor for career satisfaction than interests. If you value money and financial success, you will need a job that pays well. If you value social justice, you need to take a job where there isn't too much unfairness. If you value fun and spontaneity, you may not be happy with a desk job. Here are some questions that you can ask yourself.

- Do I prefer money earned after hard work to easy money?
- Do I prefer working independently to in collaboration?
- Do I prefer supervising others to taking directions from others?

3. What are my personality aspects ?

Your personality is also important to consider when deciding a career. For example, are you an extrovert or an introvert person? Here are some questions to ask yourself to understand your personality well.

- Am I an introvert or an extrovert person?
- Am I more cooperative or competitive?
- Am I more of a 'thinker' who enjoys ideas, or a 'doer' who enjoys working with things in the real world?

4. What skills do I have?

You'll also want to create an inventory of your skills. Identify things you are good at. Think about both your hard skills (acquired skills) and your soft skills (life skills). Putting your skills on paper can be an affirmative eye-opening experience that provides confidence to choose your goal. Circle your skills from the skills given below. You may add two more to the list.

Hard skills - working with tools, working with computers, fluency in a language,
preparing models/charts

Soft skills - teamwork, time management, making a strategy,
getting cooperation from people

5. How much control do I need over my own time?

Some people love the structure of a corporate job; other people hate it. A working professional or a corporate employee may have less freedom regarding time whereas the independent businessman may exercise more freedom regarding time restrictions. You may like to ask the following questions to yourself considering time as a factor.

- How long are the working hours? Will there be a lot of overtime?
- How flexible is the vacation policy?
- Are there opportunities to work from home either full or part time?

6. What education or training do I need?

It's quite possible that you will need additional training or schooling to pursue your desired career path. Try to ask these questions to yourself.

- What degrees, licences or certifications do I need to acquire?
- How much more education or training am I willing to get?
- How much time and money am I willing to invest for the desired career?

7. Are the jobs available?

It's important to know about the labour market for careers you're considering. You should find out the answers of the following questions.

- Do I prefer working locally to globally?
- How many such jobs are available globally?
- How many jobs are available in my local surroundings?

8. What locations do you prefer to live in?

The markets for particular occupations differ depending on location. For example, if you want to be a

forester or an agriculturalist, you'll probably need to live in a rural area. But if you want to go into finance or law, you'll probably need to live in an urban area whereas telecommunication jobs, freelance writing or designing jobs allow you to live anywhere. It's important to be happy wherever you live and have a lifestyle that works for you. Here are some questions which can help.

- Do I enjoy living in a city with a lot of events around or do I prefer a slower lifestyle?
- Do I prefer to live amidst nature or to live with modern facilities?
- Do I prefer working from one place or do I prefer traveling?

9. What are my salary needs?

Salary doesn't have to be the first consideration when selecting a career, but it is an important factor. For some people, a crore rupee dream needs to be a crore rupee reality before they are satisfied. Other people are much comfortable at lower income levels, just as long as certain needs are fulfilled. If making a lot of money is important to you, you need higher qualifications and your options will be more limited. Consider how important money is to you:

- Do I prefer limited but regular income or irregular but large profit/income?
- Do I prefer to be a rich, busy and risk taking person?
- Do I like to earn moderately and enjoy an easy life with family and friends?

10. Are there opportunities for advancement?

Some jobs have more opportunities for promotion or upward mobility than others. We all know people who seem to become stagnant in their professional life by lack of opportunities. It's often hard in these situations to keep up a lot of enthusiasm for work. Here are some questions you can ask yourself.

- Do I like to take challenges and overcome them?
- Do I get bored with the similar kind of work for a long time?
- Do I prefer to stick to one place and a similar kind of work for a long time?

As you go through these questions, get help from others. Talk to parents, teachers or other important elders in your life. Think about the big picture – no single question should determine your choice. The overall idea here is to think about a lifestyle rather than an attractive job title.

The greatest advice for you is.....

Find the work you like doing most and find a place or a person which/who can pay for it.

Glossary

consequences effect of result **impact** effect, impression **reflection** concentrated thinking **interaction** to communication, two-way talking **exhausted** very tired, no energy left to do anything **frustrated** one who has lost all hopes **job satisfaction** the sense of pleasure at the completion of the work **collaboration** collective effort **inventory** a set of questions for research **corporate** related to business **telecommunicating** communicating with the help of an electronic device **determine** to decide **enthusiasm** the joyful excitement to do some work **employee** one who serves some organisation **employer** the person who hires the workers

Comprehension 1

C.1.1 Answer the following questions :

1. Think about your personality and write your one word answer against every sub questions in all the 10 points.
2. Which three questions are the most important questions according to you? Give reasons.
3. Why is it so important to choose the most appropriate career?
4. Who amongst your family has chosen the most suitable career for him/her? Why do you think so?
5. Mention the three major kinds of values discussed in the lesson.
6. What is a skill? How are hard skills different from the soft skills?
7. How do money and time affect your choice of career?
8. How does one's career determine one's future?

C.1.2 Guess my profession :

1. I am a strong and disciplined man. I hate criminals. I like to follow commands. I lead a life full of adventure. _____
2. I work for a company. I can sell a comb to a baldy. I have a sweet tongue. _____
3. I like to argue for truth and justice. I can't bear injustice. I have to work with police and criminals. _____
4. I have a strong sense for aesthetics. I like to read about artists. Life is full of colours for me. _____
5. I love to read news and current affairs. I work on T.V but I don't act. People like to listen to me. _____

C.1.3 Write description in the similar way for these professionals :

Architect : I am interested in buildings _____

Choreographer : _____

Banker : _____

Read 2

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CAREER COUNSELLOR

(Place : Apex Counselling centre Time : after a week of Pratik's IQ and career inventory test)

(Pratik and his parents visit Miss Pooja Shah, the career counsellor the next week.)

Miss Shah : Welcome, all of you. Are you ready for this session Pratik?

Pratik : Thanks madam. I'm eager to have this session.

Miss Shah : Let me ask you a few questions about yourself. Would you tell me what you like to do in your spare time?

Pratik : I like to read about latest scientific inventions, biographies of the scientists and detective novels. I am fond of solving puzzles too.

Mr. Mehta (his father) : Pratik, I have told you not to waste time after puzzles, still you did that ?

Miss Shah : It's O.K. Mr. Mehta. Solving puzzles add to the logical abilities of a child.

Mr. Mehta : Oh ! I see.

Miss Shah : Pratik, what type of co-curricular activities did you participate in during your school days ?

Pratik : I took part in the Science Fair and our project got the first prize at State Level Competition.

Miss Shah : That means you have keen interest and some creativity in the field of Science. Did you make the model yourself? Did you explain it to the visitors too ?

Pratik : No madam. My project partner did all that. I only selected the subject, prepared charts and diagrams and made all the planning about the presentation. In fact I wrote the speech for the presentation.

Miss Shah : That's very good. It means you don't like to talk much. You like to work behind the curtain.

Pratik : Yes madam. I believe 'a thought is more powerful than an action'.

Mr. Mehta : It's not like that madam. He talks less because he is always busy with his computer. I think he likes to operate machines. Don't you think he should go for Mechanical Engineering? After all his brother is quite successful in the same field. Pratik can easily join him.

Miss Shah : His brother's success in that field doesn't mean Pratik should also choose the same. Pratik might have a different personality altogether.

Pratik : You're right, madam. I work on computers to search new things and prepare a PPT. I like to accumulate information about the fundamental theories of Chemistry.

Miss Shah : Excellent. That means you like to find out the truth behind the things. Which is your favourite T.V. show?

Pratik : I like 'How things are made?', 'Braingames' and 'The Science of Stupid' on Discovery and National Geographic Channel. They explain how the rules of science are applied to our routine life.

Miss Shah : It's nice to know that. In fact, I like those shows too. Would you tell me about your role models ?

Pratik : Thomas Alva Edison, as he invented a lot of small things to serve mankind.

Miss Shah : Would you also like to serve mankind with the help of science ?

Pratik : Yes madam. I can't see people in pain.

Miss Shah : What kind of lifestyle do you prefer ? Do you wish to have a luxurious life ?

Pratik : No madam. I do believe in simplicity. I think satisfaction is more important than money.

Miss Shah : That means you will be satisfied with a regular income. You don't have dreams to be a millionaire.

Pratik : You are right madam. I don't like the industrial environment or the ups and downs of the corporate world. I want to contribute my talent for the progress of the nation.

Miss Shah : That's really a great thought Pratik. I hope every student should be clear about his/her choices. Thank you for co operating so well. It was nice talking to you all.

Glossary

counsellor an advisor **biography** a person's life story written by someone else **keen** intense (५५१) **PPT** power point presentation **accumulate** gather **fundamental** basic **luxurious** extremely comfortable **satisfaction** sense of pleasure at the completion **environment** the surrounding **corporate** relating to large companies **contribute** to use in order to

Now we can assess all the facts and figures to find better career options for Pratik.

Comprehension 2

C.2.1 Fill up the information for the same :

Pratik's Personality Chart

Hobbies/interests	
Co-curricular activities	
Favourite Shows	
Role models	
Values	
Personality traits	
Skills	
Work environment	
Salary expected	

C.2.2 You can prepare your own Personality assessment chart in your notebook.

- According to the Career Interest Inventory Pratik's score is

0 A, 3 B, 4 C, 5 D, 3 E, 6 F

Now study the data and find out the career options good for Pritesh?

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

C.2.3 Record your own score in the career interest inventory and find which group of profession it suggests.

Pratik's IQ is : 130

C.2.4 Take your own IQ test with the help of any online IQ test and record your score.

C.2.5 Study your own observations about Pratik's personality, aptitude and ability and prepare your report and suggest three to five career options for Pratik. And give reasons why do you think it's the best profession for him.

Read 3

POST- COUNSELING DISCUSSION

Miss Shah : Pratik is a student of 'A-B' group of science stream. Hence, all the branches of engineering are available to him. He can also choose graduation and post graduation in the basic sciences. If we discuss about engineering, he is good at soft skills so branches like Mechanical and Electronics are not advisable for him. He has scored 80 marks in Chemistry and he likes working on computer, so chemical engineering or software engineering can be better options. But let me remind you that he doesn't like the factory environment. So software seems to be a better option.

Mr. Mehta : But will he get admission in those branches with such percentages?

Miss Shah : Don't be so impatient, Mr. Mehta. Your assumption might be right but we have to consider two more things before we go for the final decision. Let me reveal his results of 'The Interest Inventory' and 'The I. Q. test' that we took.

Mr. Mehta : Now... what does it say?

Miss Shah : According to the interest survey we have found that he is good in the field of research in Science & technology. In addition, his IQ is 130, which is far more than an engineer is required to have. Actually, his I.Q. matches with the profession of a scientist. What do you say Pratik?

Pratik : You're absolutely right, Miss Shah. I've never realised why I liked reading so much about the scientists and the inventions so much. I always tried to find logic behind every principle.

Miss Shah : Yes. And by choosing such work you can serve the nation and the society as well.

Mr. Mehta : But how do you connect his passion for reading detective novels and solving mysteries and his values of truth and justice?

Miss Shah : Why not? He can enjoy all the thrills of solving a mystery by being a Forensic Scientist. His reports will be considered valuable in the court which will bring justice to the innocents. A Forensic Science expert needs all the logic and the art of troubleshooting which your son already has.

Pratik : Oh ! Thank you , Miss Shah. I really feel relieved and happy with just a thought that I will pursue a profession which has incorporated my hobbies, my values, my passion, my abilities and my view of life. I would never be bored with such a work. In fact I would enjoy working over time.

Miss Shah : Mr. Mehta I have just tried to help you all. Still, the choice is yours.

Mr. Mehta and family : We are grateful to you Miss Shah. You've done a great job. In fact, we were in the dark about my son's potential. Thank you again.

Pratik : Thank you, Madam.

Miss Shah : All the best, Pratik.

Glossary

assumption guess *absolutely* definitely *passion* something you like to do from the heart *mystery* suspense *pursue* follow

Comprehension 3

C.3.1 Answer these questions :

1. What were the three most important questions asked by Ms. Shah?

Ans. _____

2. What are the main traits of Pratik's personality?

Ans. _____

3. Had you been in place of Pratik what career option you would have chosen?

Ans. _____

- Study what these people say and advise them which profession is suitable for them and give two reasons for it.

Case Study-1

I'm Sneha. Biology is my favourite subject. I like helping people. I give first aid to the players of my school's Basketball Team. We are not rich so I have to find a job as soon as possible. I'm introvert. I don't like to lead but to follow commands.

Profession : I think she should become _____

Reason 1 : because _____

Reason 2 : and _____

Case Study-2

I'm Arjun. I love travelling and photography. I like to visit the celebration of festivals, parties and political functions. Wherever there is trouble you would surely find me with my camera. I like to click the most crucial moments. I can make new friends in moments.

Profession : _____

Reason 1 : _____

Reason 2 : _____

Case Study-3

I always draw funny pictures.

I am Khevna. I love watching comedy nights with Kapil. I appreciate his 'one liners'. I hardly talk in the class.

Profession : _____

Reason 1 : _____

Reason 2 : _____

Case Study-4

Hi, I'm Tejas. There's no toy at my home that I couldn't repair. I got my first income from my neighbour as I repaired his grandpa's radio waking up the whole night. I'm in 11th science and I've got 92 marks in Physics this year.

Profession : _____

Reason 1 : _____

Reason 2 : _____

Vocabulary

V.1 Match the words with the phrases :

A	B
cooperation	A person's place of employment
skill	Working together to achieve a common objective
manager	The amount of money that is received in exchange of labour or services
workplace	A developed talent or ability
Income	One, who handles, controls or directs an enterprise or an institution
corporate job	Coming or resulting from a natural tendency
restriction	The effect or outcome of something which has happened earlier
consequence	An act of limiting
spontaneous	A job where the employer is a business enterprise.

V.2 Find the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets and fill in the blanks :

Having completed his graduation, Arun couldn't _____ (decision) what _____ (occupy) he should go for so he _____ (interact) with his teachers. The teacher suggested him to do a business _____ (independent) but his _____ (finance) condition was weak so he _____ (consider) it better to join a government job.

V.3 Identify and underline the odd words :

1. teamwork, time management, leadership, patchwork
2. carpenter, cobbler, salesman, tailor
3. farmer, talati, sarpanch, reporter
4. enthusiasm, independence, mysterious, innocence
5. reflection, restriction, station, creation

V.4 Find the word closest in the meaning and circle it :

Independence : autocracy, monarchy, liberty, self-government
Interaction : cooperation, communication, speech, argument
Consequence : result, effect, reaction, cause
Occupation : activity, work, engagement, profession
Inventory : summary, questionnaire, schedule, index
Assessment : estimate, evaluation, judgement, examination
Assumption : guess, doubt, suspicion, disbelief
Reflection : consideration, speculation, thinking, impression

V.5 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option :

1. Until Galileo _____ (revealed/revelation) the truth 'the earth revolves around the sun', it was a _____ (mysterious/mystery). People _____ (assumption/assumed) that the earth was square. Galileo's discovery was a great _____ (relief/relieved) to the seafarers.
2. To be successful in any industrial _____ (profession/professional) you have to work with a close _____ (collaborate/collaboration) under the strict _____ (supervise/supervision) of a manager. You should not exercise your _____ (independent/independence) or _____ (spontaneous/spontaneity) otherwise the _____ (produce/production) of the company suffers.

Function

F.1 Karsanbhai is the oldest person in his village. He is ninety six years old. A radio reporter is interviewing him. Roleplay this conversation in class.

Karsanbhai : Now I live in this village. But I didn't live here in my youth.

Reporter : Where did you use to live?

Karsanbhai : When I was young, I lived at Ahmedabad. I used to work in a cotton mill.

Reporter : Life was hard, wasn't it?

Karsanbhai : Oh! yes. Things were different from the way they are now. In those days, we did not have a good house. We used to live in a rented room.

Reporter : And how were the job hours and income?

Karsanbhai : We used to work for eight hours a day and get only 5 rupees for a day's work.

Reporter : Did your family support you?

Karsanbhai : Yes. They supported me a lot and sent me money often.

Reporter : Why did you shift to the village? What's the reason of your healthy life?

Karsanbhai : When the cotton mills were closed we decided to return to our farms. And the reason of my long and healthy life is my living in the village.

F.2 Select some renowned personalities and write their names and profession :

1. She used to participate in singing competitions when she was a child. She won an award at 'Meri Awaz Suno' competition and became a singer.

Name : _____ Profession : _____

2. She used to make model aircrafts in her childhood. She was born in Karnal.

Name : _____ Profession : _____

3. He _____ (used to+direct) blockbuster films. He launched many actors of Bollywood.

Name : _____ Profession : _____

4. She _____ (used to+play) volleyball and after an accident she climbed Mount Everest.

Name : _____ Profession : _____

5. He _____ (use to+live) in Rameshwaram. He became the 11th President of India.

Name : _____ Profession : _____

F.3 Think of your school days. Tick the option that applies to you :

1. When I was in the primary school, I used to / didn't use to help my friends.
2. When I was in the primary school, I used to / never used to quarrel a lot with my classmates.
3. When I was in high school, I used to / didn't use to do a lot of homework.
4. When I was in high school, I used to / never used to participate in the Science fair.

F.4 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs :**My interaction with Mr Zala**

On an evening, while I _____ (travel) from Ahmedabad to Amreli by bus, I saw a man struggling _____ (board) the bus with his one leg. He was well built with an athletic body. His eyes shone like fireballs. He came and sat next to me. On being asked how he lost his leg, he told his story to me. He _____ (use to+work) in the army on the borders of Kashmir. He _____ (use to + volunteer) for operations even if there was a lot of risk. He was a sharp shooter and used to _____ (win) all the in-service shooting championships. Once they _____ (inform) him about a terrorist infiltration, he immediately lifted his L.M.G. and got ready. The troop _____ (go past) the snowy hills.

It was February, and the temperature was below zero but the burning desire _____ (save) the country _____ (use + keep) us warm. Ultimately we sighted the enemies on top of the 'Tiger Hill'. The battle _____ (last) for two days and a night. Ultimately, we had a hand to hand fight and the jawans of our 'Rajputana Battalion' _____ (attack) like lions. I took a bullet in my right thigh. But most of them were killed and the others ran back like rats. We hoisted the Indian flag on 'Tiger Hill' with pride. I had to sacrifice my right leg. Still, I think this is no big sacrifice compared to the soldiers who martyred their lives for the country that day.

F.5 The following action are done while preparing for board exams. Tick the appropriate options. Add more by your own.

Action	Used to	Didn't use to/ never used to
Gossip with friends		
Had two glasses of milk everyday		
Stayed awake beyond 1 o'clock at night		
Copied down notes from friends		
Wrote down every memorizing tips that my teacher gave		
Watched each answer more than 5 times to memorize it		

Watched only one movie per week		
Played with my friends only on Sundays		
Read each topic very carefully and kept record of my doubts		
Asked questions to my teacher to clarify my doubts		
Memorized answers even if I didn't understand them		
Prepared a timetable for each month		
Followed my study timetable very strictly		
Did not eat rice to avoid over -sleeping		
Drank a lot of tea		

Now use information above to write a paragraph on what you used to and never used to do while preparing for your board examination.

Writing

W. 1 Your father has asked you to prepare an advertisement to sell an old car. Draft a suitable advertisement in about 50 words to be published in a local newspaper. It may contain details like model, company, year, colour, condition, contact etc.

For Sale

W.2 Read the advertisement and apply in reply to it.

Wanted

As per the NOC received from DEO, Mehsana, Kelavani Mandal, Visnagar, needs an English teacher for M J Sarvodaya Higher Secondary School. Qualifications, pay scale and service conditions are as per Govt. of Gujarat norms. Interested qualified candidates may send their applications to the Secretary of the Kelavani Mandal, Visnagar, by RPAD within ten days from the publication of this advertisement.

W.3 Your school has invited a career counsellor to guide you. Frame questions to gather information about ‘Opportunities available in different fields at present’.

Activity

A.1 Interviewing professionals

- a. You are to interview a successful professional. Brainstorm in class and make a list of possible professionals. You could suggest anyone you know or are related to. (eg. doctors, professors, engineers, artists, etc.)
- b. Through class discussion, prepare interview questions covering these broad areas –
 - Biographical details
 - Education
 - Professional journey
 - Interest and hobby
 - Inspiration
- c. Conduct the interview. Go for the interview a in pair. One student will ask the questions and the other will record the answers.
- d. Based on the interview prepare a presentation on the topic ‘My Impression of <name of the professional>’.

A.2 [The teacher will take the class to vote] This council has to choose an area in the school or outside that needed thorough cleaning. Take permission from your principal and organise a CLEAN CAMPAIGN for your school or class. Invite your teachers to participate.

A.3 Arrange a mock session of an interview in your class.

- **Instructions** : A group of 5 students can ask questions one by one to the student who comes for the counselling to choose his career. Let him fill up the interest inventory too.
- **Exercise** : Fill up his personality chart and prepare the data.
- **Discussion** : Discuss your observations and conclusions with the class.
- **Writing** : Let every student of the class prepare a report depending on the mock session.