

# **Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane**

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## **A Certificate Course on Personality Development**

*A Joint Venture of Institute for Oriental Study, Thane (India) and  
VPM's Academy of Education and Research, London (UK)*

### **Introduction**

The real purpose of education is to develop natural potential of students and to build their personality to deal with the challenges of the fast changing world. In the present scenario where the schools are busy in preparing students for examinations these aspects hardly receive attention that they deserve. It is, therefore, necessary that out of school activities are undertaken to compensate for this deprivation. It is well known that the experiences gained at the formative age shape their personality. With this view in mind Institute for Oriental Study (IOS), Thane in collaboration with Vidya Prasarak Mandal's (VPM) Academy of Education and Research, London has launched a "Certificate Course in Personality Development" from January 1, 2010. The first batch of students has successfully completed the course. The course for the second batch will begin from January 1, 2011.

### **The Course**

The proposed course would be implemented through distance mode. The duration of the course would be six calendar months (January 1 to June 30). It will have four components: 1. Reading Assignments, 2. Project Work, 3. Contact Sessions and 4. Visits Abroad. Salient features of each of these activities are spelt out in detail below.

#### **Reading Assignments**

Over a span of six months the candidates will be expected to complete minimum reading assignments. These assignments will pertain to various issues related to personality development. Some of the topics that would be covered are Communication skills, Reading comprehension. Quantification skills, Interpersonal relations, Decision making, Minute observations, Confidence building, Questioning technique, Design/Creativity and Time management.

Reading material will be made available either in print or in digital form. Candidates would be asked to go through the articles and PowerPoints made available through e-mail messages. Some relevant material will be made available on the website of the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane ([www.orientalthane.com](http://www.orientalthane.com)). In addition, students would be requested to refer to the World Wide Web from time to time for relevant information related to personality development.

## **Project Work**

Each candidate is expected to complete a dissertation in order to qualify for the certificate. He/she will be assigned to a supervisor from the panel of recognized guides. The candidate will be free to choose the topic of his/her interest in consultation with the supervisor. The maximum time allotted for the completion of dissertation would be three months in addition to the duration of the course. For the course starting from January 2011 the dissertation must be submitted before September 30, 2011.

## **Contact Sessions**

Contact sessions will be arranged for the candidates regularly at the office of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane. These sessions will be used to clarify doubts related to reading assignments. A part of the time will be spent in discussing the progress of the dissertation and in providing concrete guidelines for further work. Digital facility will be used profusely to keep virtual contacts with all the candidates. This will enable the candidates to get in touch with supervisors and teachers immediately through e-mail if need arises.

Efforts will be made during the contact sessions to enhance peer interaction among the students. Group discussions will be arranged to share their ideas and experiences with the colleagues. Opportunities will also be provided to registered candidates to interact with students who have visited Britain previously under the personality development programme of the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane.

## **Visits Abroad**

A 12 day educational tour to Britain will be arranged for all the registered participants in the month of May 2011. They will visit three important cities in Britain namely Oxford, Cambridge and London. Students would be taken to some of the educational institutions located in these cities. In addition, the participants would be shown important museums and libraries in these cities. They will also get an opportunity to interact with local people, meet students there and see places associated with Indian revolutionaries in London.

## **Mode of Assessment**

Evaluation will be an integral part of the course. Continuous and comprehensive evaluation will be carried out to assess the progress of students. All the registered candidates will be assessed for the total score of 300 marks under three different heads: assignments, project work and participation in group discussion.

## **Assignments**

Apart from reading assignments candidates will be asked to complete academic tasks from time to time. Their performance will be assessed and marks out of 100 will be allotted based on the quality of the work, relevance of the content and presentation style.

## **Project work**

Project work submitted by the candidate will be assessed critically and marks out of 100 will be assigned to each dissertation taking into account the content relevance, method of data collection and analysis, linguistic capability and conclusions drawn.

## **Group Discussion**

Group discussions will be arranged both in India and in England. Behaviour of the candidate will be observed during these sessions. Assessment of the performance will be made based on the understanding of the subject, confidence displayed, language of expression and clarity of thought. Taking into account these parameters marks will be allotted to each candidate out of 100.

## **Certification**

A candidate will be declared successful if he/she scores 60 percent or more marks in each of three assessment heads. Successful candidate will be awarded certificate jointly by the VPM academy London and the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane in a convocation function organized at the V. N. Bedekar Institute for Management Study, Thane in August 2011.

## **Course Fee**

Each candidate will have to pay the fee of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) and GBP 800 (British pounds eight hundred only) for the entire course. This fee will cover the reading material, contact sessions, tour to England (involving the entire expenditure of travel, stay, food and educational material) and performance appraisal.

## **Appeal**

Candidates who wish to join the course should fill the attached Application Form and send it to me along with a demand draft of Rs. 25, 000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) on or before October 31, 2010. Each candidate is urged to obtain a passport and submit photocopies of the first and last pages of the valid passport to the office of Vodya Prasrak Mandal by December 31, 2010.

I look forward to a fruitful academic interaction.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Vijay Bedekar  
President  
Institute for Oriental Study  
Thane, M. S. India

**Application Form for the Certificate Course on  
Personality Development**

To,  
Dr. Vijay Bedekar  
President, Institute for Oriental Study  
Dr. Bedekar Hospital  
Naupada, Thane 400 602

Dear Sir,

I wish to join the “Certificate Course on Personality Development” organized jointly by the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane and VPM’s Academy of Education and Research, London starting from January 1, 2011. I am enclosing a demand draft of Rs. 25, 000 (Twenty five thousand only) drawn in favour of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, Thane as the first installment of my fee for the course. I am giving below my bio-data for your kind consideration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/College \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Studying \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Special Achievements (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would be grateful if you could consider my case sympathetically and admit me to the said course. I am ready to undertake all the assignments given as a part of the course.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

sincerely yours

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Consent from Parents**

I/we give consent to my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ joining the certificate course on Personality Development jointly organized by the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane and VPM Academy of Education and Research, London. I/we are ready to bear all the expenses concerned with the course.

Mothers Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Father’s signature \_\_\_\_\_