TEAM:1

Prioritizing:

- 1) Your business is into catering services. You are a well known caterer.
- 2) You get a contract from a big IT company for providing food to their 1000 employees. This includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner.
- 3) If this contract is rejected, the business will lose lakhs of rupees per annum. Your daily workload has increased tremendously.
- You have 10 cooks and 20 helpers (transporters, waiters etc) already serving roughly 200 people.

Points:

- Hire / employ chefs
- > Order food from some other contractor / subcontract / outsource
- > Increase the work hours of the existing staff
- Shred off some portion of the existing business to cater to this new contract
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Buy new vessels of bigger size to process a greater volume of food, buy electronic items like microwave etc to speed up the process of cooking

How will you prioritize the task? Enact.

TEAM 2:

Interruptions:

- 1) You are in a customer care office of a mobile phone company.
- 2) People are continuously visiting the office for getting their complaints resolved.
- 3) The staff has to continuously attend to phone calls from customers.
- 4) Also, the other activities like billing, receipts, mailing etc need to be done for every customer. And every customer is business.

Points:

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- Hire / Employ more staff
- > Have a separate person just to attend calls
- > For activities of billing, mailing etc, create a separate admin department
- Create an online customer grievance redressal system
- Train people on multi-tasking

How will you ensure maximum performance in-spite of the interruptions? Enact.

TEAM 3

"Shuffling Blues":

- 1) You are heading a team of 6 people. It is a private organization. You are into a business of providing software solutions to MNC's.
- 2) The business is increasing. You are getting orders daily. All are high profile customers.
- 3) You have a small office. The space is not proving to be sufficient for the staff, materials and machines.
- 4) Even the layout of the office is in a mess. Everything is cramped up. Nothing is in order.

Points:

- Buy cupboards, furniture to rearrange files and documents
- Take limited orders
- > Renovate the office, change the layout
- Reduce paperwork

How will you start rearranging things as a top company is scheduled to visit your office in a months' time? Enact.

TEAM: 4

Unnecessary Meetings:

- 1) You are a supervisor at a dam construction site. You have 50 employees under you. Some are contract employees.
- 2) It is low skilled labor that is employed.
- So there are frequent arguments between the workers which lead to temporary shortages.
 You are required to continuously intervene to resolve the issues.
- 4) Also there are deadlines set for you by the top management.

Points:

- Strictly adhere to the deadlines without solving labor problems
- > Educate the labor in areas of communication, cooperation etc
- Continuously undertake meetings with labor to ensure argument free work
- > Take action against workers for entering into arguments
- Have a common policy for all contract and regular employees as far as compensation, perquisites, facilities are concerned

How will you ensure hassle free work? Enact.

TEAM: 5

Imperfect Time Managers

- 1) You are a team of 6 people in a department of a reputed company. You have been assigned a task which you have to complete in 3 months.
- 2) Already 2 deadlines have passed.
- 3) The team is highly understaffed. The existing employees are simply not able to manage their work / achieve their daily targets.
- 4) Other orders are pending.
- 5) In the next 3 months if the deadlines are not achieved, the company will lose the contract. So there is pressure on the employees to perform and to achieve the deadlines.

Points:

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- Clear the existing backlog of work
- Hire/employ more staff
- > Arrange time management lectures for the staff

How will you ensure that you become "Perfect Time Managers"? Enact.