

PhD and MPhil in Management Admission Test

Model Analytical Writing Test (2018)

Time: 60 minutes

Study carefully the passage given below and attempt the given tasks demonstrating your analytical understanding and academic writing ability. Use as far as possible research relevant and professional writing style and techniques. Pay particular attention to grammatical accuracy of your writing.

Passage

“In Nepal, as elsewhere, women face several barriers that restrict them from making it to the top. Their upward journey in corporate, economic, development, and political careers is dauntingly, if not dangerously, challenging. As a result, fewer women have been able to make it to leadership positions, presenting not only a case of demographic disaster but, more importantly, one of moral malaise. Women in leadership seems to be a desired yet distance dream.

“This is despite the fact that there has been huge increase in the educational and employment status of women in the recent years, not to mention of the introduction of plethora of policies, regulations and programs supportive of women and their empowerment. This is also against the evidence of excellence in performance by women leaders whenever and wherever they were able to get to such positions. Change is, surely, taking place but it is apparent that it is too late and too little.”

Tasks

1. Elaborate the problem situation demonstrating your understanding of the phenomenon described based on facts and observations.
2. Analyze the phenomenon critically examining it from various perspectives and identifying its underlying causes and consequences.
3. Present possible courses of actions to address the given problem situation with a quick analysis of their utility and implementability.
4. Prepare a short statement of “research problem” (research questions/issues with the articulation of the phenomenon to be inquired into and its need or significance) based on your analysis of the phenomenon if you were to carry out an academic research around this problem area.