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Objectives:

At the end of this exercise, you should be able to:

- List the benefits of managing time effectively.
- List some tips on ways to manage time more effectively.

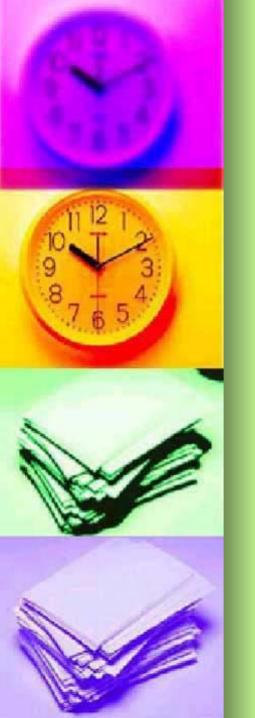


Introduction:

Effective time management is important in your daily life, e.g. at work place, at markets.



- Poor time management causes:
 - Emotional disturbances
 - Poor coping skills
 - Reduced work output



Scenario #1

Mr. T is an office clerk in an accounting firm. He is unable to complete his work on time. He has a tendency to delay his work until the last minute. He feels tensed and rushes through his work resulting in many mistakes, and being reprimanded by his boss.



What are the disadvantages of not managing time?

- Unable to complete given work.
- Rushes through work.
- Making mistakes in work.
- Increased stress.
- Reprimanded by boss.
- Reduced time for other activities.
- Etc...



What are the advantages/ benefits of managing time?

- Better job performance, hence increased productivity and quality.
- Reduces stress.
- Improved self-esteem.
- Will have more time for other activities.



Scenario #2

- Mr. T is referred to the human resource department of his company. A counselor advised him to manage his time more effectively.
- If you were the counselor, what is your advice to Mr. T?

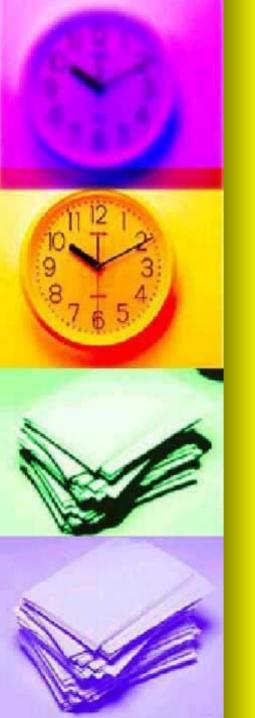


Tips to manage TIME at your work place:

- 1) observe how long it takes to complete a specific task.
- 2) plan an acceptable time table
 without being too tense/ harassed.
- 3) short periods of rest in between activities.



- 4) do simple task first. When finished, give yourself positive reinforcement.
- 5) After you have an idea of the time allocation for each activity, then rearrange your time tablemost important first, least important last.

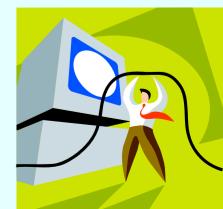


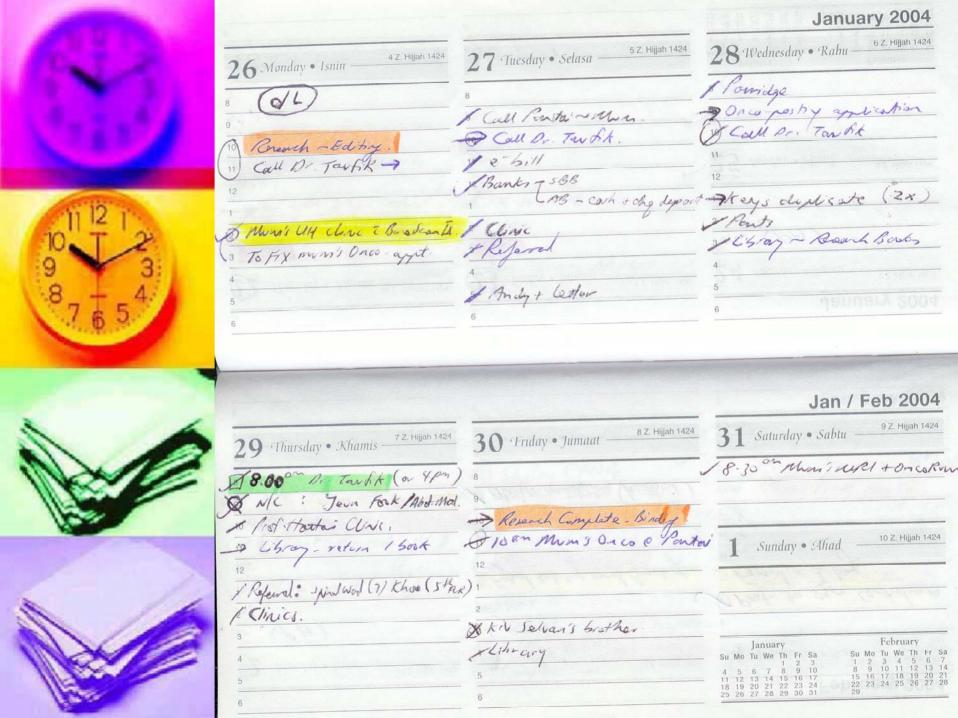
- 6) if procrastinating, then you should;
 - Analyse the problems
 - Identify the reasons
 - Take positive action by carrying on the unfinished task.
- 7) monitor your progress from time to time.



Practical advice on how to manage time effectively:

- Use a diary:
 - Plan the next day's program tonight.
 - Prioritize the task.
 - Group almost 'similar tasks' together to save time.
 - If unable to finish a task, delegate it to next suitable date.
 - Tick off each completed task.
- Use a planner/ organizer.









Get HELP!:

 If you are 'stuck' with a task due to lack of experience/ knowledge/ skill, ASK for HELP.

Delegate your jobs:

- The 'key' to getting work done is NOT who does it, but how it is completed.
- "The best man for the right job".



Thank You