



***“Learn without thinking begets ignorance. Think without learning is dangerous.”***

*Confucius*

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**DAY THREE - Station 7: Critical Thinking**

**A. Self Discovery and Group Sharing**

- A1. List three friends or schoolmates or peoples you know who demonstrate good academic performance:
- A2. Why are these peoples very good at their studies or academic performance?
- A3. In your view, what are the key success factors for achieving good academic performance?

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**B. Teaching & Learning from Biblical Truth**

<sup>19</sup>But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. <sup>20</sup>Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. <sup>21</sup>In the Law it is written:

"Through men of strange tongues  
and through the lips of foreigners  
I will speak to this people,  
but even then they will not listen to me,"<sup>[a]</sup> says the Lord.

B1. 1 Corinthians 14:19-21

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**B2. Luke 5: 21-23**

<sup>21</sup>The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

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**B3. John 14: 11**

<sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

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C1. What is the definition of 'Critical Thinking'?

- Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally.
- Ability to engage in Reflective and Independent thinking
- Includes: Attitude, Knowledge, Skills

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## Components of Critical Thinking

- (1) **Attitudes** of inquiry: ability to recognize the existence of problems and an acceptance of the general need for evidence in support of assertions;
- (2) **Knowledge** : valid inferences, abstractions, and generalizations in which the weight or accuracy of different kinds of evidence are logically determined;
- (3) **Skills** : in employing and applying the above attitudes and knowledge.

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C2. Why Critical Thinking is important?

- The ability to think clearly and rationally is important whatever we choose to do.
- In education, research, finance, management, legal profession, etc. critical thinking is obviously important.

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C3. Structures of Critical Thinking

- **Information**
- **Purpose**
- **Points of View**
- **Question at issue**
- **Concepts**
- **Assumptions**
- **Interpretation and inference**
- **Consequences and implications**

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C4. Roles Play Observation

- **Information**
- **Purpose**
- **Points of View**
- **Question at issue**
- **Concepts**
- **Assumptions**
- **Interpretation and inference**
- **Consequences and implications**

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C5. How to be a good 'Critical Thinker'? Are there universal standards of good 'Thinking'? If so, what are they?

1. **Clarity—elaboration, examples, illustrations**
2. **Accuracy—fact checking, verification, testing**
3. **Precision—specificity, details, exactness**
4. **Relevance—relationships, practicality**

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5. **Depth**—factors, complexities, challenges
6. **Breadth**—other points of view/perspectives
7. **Logic**—sense, fit, gaps in reasoning, fallacies
8. **Significance**—importance, impact, focus

## C6. What are the ‘bad thinking habits’ to be avoided?

- **Learn without thinking and think without learning**
- **Superstitions and Unbelieve**
- **Impulsive, irrational and emotional**

## Good Critical Thinking Practices

- Determine to find effective solutions to a problem
- Find facts, evidences through a process of thorough investigation
- Be rational, reflective, and creative in problem solving

## D. Reflection and Prayer

- D1. Which character in the bible impresses you as a very good ‘Critical Thinker’? Why?
- D2. What important principles or lessons have you learned about ‘Critical Thinking’?
- D3. After understanding these principles, how would you improve on your ‘Critical Thinking’ skills?
- D4. Spend a moment of quietness with the Lord, pray and commit to Him about the improvements you want to make. Write down any inspiration, personal reflection or words from the Lord.