Maximizing Human Potential Through Behavioural Competencies 100 CORE COMPETENCIES



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The book written by Dr. Sanjeev P. Sahni — "Maximizing Human Potential Through Behavioural Competencies: 100 Core Competencies" comes across as a critical connect for HR professionals at a time when the Future of HR is increasingly getting aligned to business. Higher focus & accountability of HR Processes, measurement and impact on business will depend greatly on the right definition of Talent Strategy and that's where the concept, definition & understanding of Competency Framework — behavioral & functional will be a pre-requisite. The book will offer a much needed clarity on Behavioural & Functional Competencies.

My compliments to Dr. Sahni for his simple & concise approach to the book on Competencies which will serve as a critical missing link for HR Professionals in future.

Amongst the plethora of books on the subject of Competency, Dr Sahni's book stands out as a refreshing piece of learning especially since he has also covered the application of competencies. Dr Sahni's inimitable style of communication conveys the message emphatically. The book will be a good resource for practicing managers in acquisition and development of talent. The approach to identifying competencies is both intellectual as well as pragmatic. Even young professionals will benefit from the book as it provides relevant indication of competencies that are critical. The content and the flow of the presentation makes the book a pleasant reading and of high value.



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The book "Maximizing Human Potential Through Behavioural Competencies: 100 Core Competencies" addresses the concept of competency mapping holistically and in simplified language. It addresses the concepts related to competency mapping, theoretical paradigms etc. I liked the behavioral indicators enlisted for each competency. The information has been written in the concise, precise, and coherent form and presented eloquently. The book is a must-read for everyone who is interested to make a career and is currently working in Managerial positions."

I always value and recollect with fond memories of Dr. Sanjeev Sahni, a very passionate professional. Competencies have been the most dear subject to him and working on 100 Core Competencies is a favour to students, teachers as well as professionals. A very elaborate work has been done with indepth research by him. The author talks like Bhishma Pitamah in the Shanti Parva, describing qualities and Competencies of people in all walks of life including the leaders at all levels. The 100 Core Competencies indeed are very comprehensive. Bhishma tells the Pandavas: Our Competencies create fortune. Our incompetencies create misfortune. These are sources of our joy or sorrow. We are thus shackled by karma (our performance). Karma binds us to the material world, compels us to be born and compels us to die. No one can change this, except one. That one is God (The Sarvaguna Sampanna) Pray to God to cope with the shackles of karma' Still one may find that Dr. Sanjeev brings this relationship between Competencies and performance so powerfully in his book which would become very true support in people development.



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Glossary Definition of Competencies

S. No.	Competency	Definition
1.	Accountability	It is the ability to demonstrate and assume responsibility for the performance of a role or task, towards achieving the desired output.
2.	Adaptability	The ability to make an effective change, in response to a current or future perceived alteration to the changing circumstances.
3.	Analytical Thinking	The ability to take a logical approach towards understanding the situation and breaking it into components, for the purpose of identifying key issues.
4.	Attention to details	The ability to process detailed information precisely, effectively and comprehensively.
5.	Balanced Individual	The capacity of an individual to have accurate amount of emotional stability and resolve problems efficiently.
6.	Building Customer Loyalty	Effectively satisfying the customers' needs by building relations with them, and taking an extra step to keep them content with the goods or services offered.
7.	Building Partnerships	The capacity of an individual to recognize others skills, initiate working relationships and maintaining them jointly which would be beneficial to both parties.
8.	Building Positive Working Relationships	The ability to develop and maintain positive and collaborative relationships with others, in order to accomplish personal work goals and business goals.
9.	Building Trust	The skill to create firm belief in the reliability and ability of oneself in others.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
10.	Change	The ability to influence and enthuse
	Leadership	others through personal advocacy, vision
		and drive.
11.	Change	The capability to adapt to the changes
	Management	in business environment in a skilled and
		efficacious manner.
12.	Coaching	Providing timely guidance and feedback
		to help others strengthen specific
		knowledge/skills in areas required to
1.0	0 1	accomplish a task or solve a problem.
13.	Commercial	The ability to understand what makes a
	Awareness	business or organization successful,
		through either buying or selling products
14.	Commitment to	or supplying services to a market. Motivation from within to stay focused
14.	Career	towards the career chosen
15.	Commitment to	The competency of an individual to be
1).	Excellence	completely dedicated towards
	Executive	outstanding quality, performance or
		result on the job or activity.
16.	Communication	Effectively communicates ideas and
	in Writing	views with clarity to others in writing.
17.	Communicating	The ability to communicate with clarity
	Orally	and effectively adjust one's use of
	·	language as per the competency of
		audience.
18.	Competitiveness	The ability of an individual to challenge
		himself to do better in comparison to
		his competitors or his own past
		performance.
19.	Conflict	The extent to which one can avert,
	Management	manage, and resolve conflicts of varying
		magnitudes among individuals and
20	C	groups.
20.	Consistency	The capacity to feel an internal
		motivation to be reliable, unwavering
		and stable in professional and personal
		roles.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
21.	Continuous Improvement	It's an ongoing effort to build on strengths and work on improvement of weaknesses.
22.	Continuous Learning	The ability of an individual to grasp and apply new strategies, technologies and adapt to changes thus, giving rise to continuous improvement in the entire process.
23.	Contributing to Team Success	Pre dominantly and actively participating in the functions as a member of a team to move towards successful completion of pre decided focused goals and objectives.
24.	Creative Thinking	A way of looking at things from a fresh, divergent, unique and unorthodox perspective.
25.	Culture and Policy Development	The ability to develop effective policies and working culture that sets boundaries and helps employees stay motivated at work.
26.	Customer Focus	Customer focus is an organizational stance in a company wherein all the services, products, behaviours and attitudes are aligned with the focus only towards needs of clients.
27.	Decision Making	The ability of an individual to weigh the pros and cons of particular options available and making quick well throughout decisions.
28.	Delegation	The action or process of entrusting another individual, a peer or junior with tasks of responsibility and power.
29.	Developing Others	Developing others is a competency wherein an individual is open to sharing knowledge and expertise for the growth and development of his co-workers and himself.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
30.	Information Handling	The ability to gather data and information – the facts and figures, analyze and transform information for successful problem solving.
31.	Emotional Intelligence	It is an ability of an individual to recognize and manage his and others emotions effectively.
32.	Empathetic Outlook	The ability to perceive the feelings of others by placing oneself "in the shoes" of another and to view the situation from their perspective.
33.	Empowering Others	Delegating power or authorizing employees to take decisions in important work settings is such a way that they feel inspired and motivated to work towards the goals and objectives assigned.
34.	Energy	Enthusiasm and passion towards the work being undertaken is extremely important for achieving positive and superior results.
35.	Entrepreneurship	business but in an organization, an employee can also be an entrepreneur by starting a new programme at work place influencing customers positively.
36.	Establishing Focus/Setting Direction	Setting direction for resources and personnel in a manner that is aligned with the organization's vision, mission and goals.
37.	Ethical Standard	The principles that encourage values of fairness, trust and kindness.
38.	Exercising self- Control and Being Resilient	It refers to being patient and calm in situations required and springing back in action once the unpleasant phase is conquered.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
39.	Facilitating	Encouraging and motivating others to
	Change	act upon opportunities for innovative
		and different approaches for addressing
		problems and opportunities.
40.	Facilitation	Refers to the tasks needed to run for a
		productive outcome, activities that are
		assisted or make tasks easy for others.
41.	Fiscal	The ability of an individual to keep the
	Management	organization running smoothly and
		efficiently through planned financial
		management and responsible fiscal
		resources.
42.	Flexibility	To be able to adapt to changes and
		dynamics to grow and develop as and
		when required in an organization.
43.	Follow up	Further examination and enquiry of
		assigned work and make it reach to its
		completion is known as follow up.
44.	Formal	The process of formally presenting a
	Presentation	topic to an audience particularly
		through computerized slide
		presentations, lectures or speeches.
45.	Forward	The ability of an individual to be
	Thinking	proactive and anticipate the needs of the
		market and his employees and take
		appropriate actions, being prepared for
16		consequences.
46.	Gaining	Helping understand the mission, vision
	Commitment	and the goals of the organization so that
		the employees are bent and motivated
		towards fulfilling their assigned
		objectives themselves is known as gaining
/=		commitment in organizational terms.
47.	Getting Results	It deals with productivity of an
		employee delivered in a specific period
		of time focusing on outcomes rather
		than the process.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
48.	Goal Setting	The ability to set systematic, measurable, accurate, realistic and time bound targets in accordance t the available resources in an organization.
49.	Grievance Handling	The ability to handle the feeling of dissatisfaction, complaint and feeling of injustice among employees in an organization.
50.	Impact and Influence	The ability to persuade/convince others deeply to adopt the course of action, agenda or idea suggested to attain desired business outcomes.
51.	Influence Other	It is a power or capacity of a person to have a compelling effect on individuals to produce certain kind of actions or behaviour.
52.	Initiative	The ability of an individual to assess and start new things in an organization without any direct managerial effort.
53.	Innovation	Being innovative refers to bring about new ideas and changes at work settings.
54.	Integrating System	The ability to bring number of sub systems together to function as one unit.
55.	Integrity	Displays and conducts consistent behaviour and actions in sync with the organization's procedures and policies.
56.	Interpersonal Skills	The skills required by everybody to interact and communicate with people clearly in business domain.
57.	Leadership	The ability to lead and take decisions and actions to achieve the mission of the organization.
58.	Leveraging Diversity	Fostering an inclusive workplace where individual differences are respected, valued and taken into consideration.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
59.	Listening	It refers to the ability of an individual to effectively and clearly understand and interpret messages in a communication process without prejudging the information and its provider.
60.	Managing Expectations	It is the ability of an individual to manage the professional desires, needs and wants of employees in an organization.
61.	Managing Performance	A well established, all-encompassing term used to describe the practices that derive decisions about ones promotions, transfers, terminations and development needs within an organization.
62.	Managing Work Processes	The ability to evaluate the work processes, services and products to achieve the organizational goals.
63.	Negotiating	It involves skills and knowledge to engage in a dialogue to reach for a beneficial outcome.
64.	Networking/ Relationship Building	It is the ability to identify and initiate working relationships to maintain and develop them in a way that is beneficial to both the parties concerned.
65.	Organization Communication	Distribution of procedures, policies, laying down programs and processes in an organization with clarity refers to organizational communication.
66.	Organizational and Environment Awareness	It refers to understanding the working culture and structure of the organization in addition to the external environment.
67.	Partnering	Voluntary and mutually beneficial working relationship between two or more companies/individuals.
68.	Personal Credibility	Demonstration of a behaviour that on is perceived to be reliable, responsible and a person with integrity and trustworthy.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
69.	Persuasion	The ability to convince others, to
		present one's viewpoint in such a way
		that it is accepted by others.
70.	Planning and	Establishing systematic courses of action
	Organizing	for accomplishment of certain objectives
		and it involves allocating resources in
		accordance to priorities in the given
		time.
71.	Political Skills	The skill to recognize what can be
		controlled by you and what cannot be
		controlled by you, anticipate who is
		going to resist your agenda and to
		decide whom you need to buy in to
		push your agenda forward.
72.	Practical	The ability of an individual to use
	Thinking	common sense and street smart ways to
		look at issues and come up with
		solutions.
73.	Prioritizing	The ability to plan and organize work in
		accordance to the need of the
		organization and the need of
		the hour.
74.	Proactive	Displays the ability of an individual to
	Approach	eliminate problems even before they
		have the slightest of chance
	D 11 01:	to appear.
75.	Problem Solving	The process of finding solution to
		complex issues through logic, knowledge and data after critical
		evaluation of alternatives to achieve
		desired organizational goals.
76.	Duningt	The application of skills, abilities,
/ 6.	Project	knowledge and techniques to complete
	Management	the activities required for managing the
		assigned project and meeting its
		requirements.
		requirements.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
77.	Providing Direction	Alignment of goals of individuals and that of teams to the objectives defined by the vision and mission of the organization and motivating each employee towards the same.
78.	Providing Motivational Support	The ability to enhance other's commitment to work through energizing and creating a sense of direction and purpose for the employees.
79.	Quality Orientation	Maintaining high standards at work by looking for means to improvise products and services and encouraging co-workers to do as well.
80.	Result Orientation	The skill that helps individuals focus on the results and thus, aligning all the resources towards it.
81.	Risk Management	Identification, analysis and acceptance towards the prevailing risks and being able to take logical steps to protect the organization from them and minimize them.
82.	Self-Assessment	The ability to objectively identify one's own strengths and weaknesses in order to use strengths to the advantage and develop and improve the weak areas.
83.	Self-Confidence	The ability of an individual to have belief in one's own ideas, capabilities and judgements to accomplish tasks.
84.	Self-discipline - Sense of Duty	The ability of individuals to have strength in one's own convictions and being true to one's own ideals and motivating others to perform duties with ethical responsibility.
85.	Sense of Belongingness	Emotional and personal bond between people in a team or towards the organization associated with.

S. No.	Competency	Definition
86.	Simplify	The ability of an individual to remove
	Complexity	clutter from complex situations and
		reducing it to its natural essence.
87.	Social	The ability of individual to get along
	Intelligence	well with others and to get them to
		cooperate in a team.
88.	Socially	A socially responsible individual is able
	Responsible	to empathize with others and address
	1	the concerns genuinely as an
		organization has to maintain healthy
		relationships with the external
		environment as well.
89.	Stewardship of	Effective, efficient and sustainable use of
	Resources	resources and assets in a manner
		consistent with the norms of an
		organization.
90.	Strategic	Understanding the competitive position
, , ,	Thinking	of a company by assessing the strengths,
	2	weaknesses and the outside
		environment.
91.	Stress	The ability of an individual to function
<i>)</i> 1.	Management	and produce results effectively with self-
	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	control and required handling under
		pressure.
92.	Systems	It is a thinking that concerns an
, 22.	Thinking	understanding of a system by analyzing
	1,11111111119	the interaction and linkages between the
		components that form the entirety of
		the laid system.
93.	Team	The ability of a person to foster
/3.	Leadership	commitment, enthusiasm and provide
	Leadership	direction and guidance for the purpose
		of achieving a certain goal.
94.	Team Work	The ability and desire to work
74.	T Calli W Olk	cooperatively with individuals forming a
		team and demonstrating interest, skill
		and success in informing groups,
		together to learn, nurture and grow.
		to better to really market and

S. No.	Competency	Definition
95.	Technical Credibility	The ability of an individual to apply knowledge, judgement and skill at work.
96.	Technology Use/ Management	The skill of an individual to keep updated with the latest technology for bring fore greater amounts of productivity and easing the operations.
97.	Time Management	Effective management of resources to have efficient operations in a given time frame.
98.	Values and Ethics	Serving with respect and integrity in personal and organizational practices.
99.	Versatility	The ability of an individual to possess multiple talents and utilize them in accordance to situations faced.
100.	Visioning	The technique to lay down what the organization aims at doing in clarity for basic understanding of all the stakeholders and helping them focus in one direction.

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