

FAQs:

Q1. Describe leadership?

Ans. Leadership is both a research area and a practical skill encompassing the ability of an individual or an organization to 'lead' or guide other individuals, teams, organization or an entire country. It is the ability to build up confidence and zeal among people and to create an urge in them to be led. Leadership is an important element in directing the functions of a group, an organization or management. Wherever there is an organized group of people working towards a common goal, some form of leadership becomes essential. "The power of leadership is the power of integrating". A good leader stimulates the best qualities in a group, unites and concentrates scattering. A leader provides a direction or channel for the unused potential to be utilized, thereby increasing the creativity and productivity of the group.

Q2. Define leadership.

Ans. According to Wolf, "Leadership is the Art or Science, or Gift by which man is enabled and privileged to direct the thought, plans and actions of his fellowmen, by honorable and legitimate means or noble and altruistic ends."

La Piere and Fransworth have rightly pointed that, "Leadership is behavior that affects the behavior of other people more than their behavior affects that of the leader."

Q3. Give any ten qualities that describe good leadership.

Ans. There are certain qualities that are essential in an individual to be a good leader. The general saying goes that a good leader is always a good follower, he leads by example and knows being in both the shoes, that is, being the follower or lead any individual, group, organization, etc. under the role of a leader. Following are the qualities of leadership:

1. Love of People
2. Enthusiasm
3. Awareness
4. Intellectual capacity
5. Initiative, imagination and vision
6. Humility, self-confidence, self-significance
7. Sense of humor, sense of dramatization, sense of timing
8. Persistence, flexibility
9. Fairness
10. Patience, optimism.

Q4. What are the functions of the recreation leader?

Ans. The recreational leader plans, promotes and coordinates activities for all members of the community; they are also responsible for participant safety. The types of recreation professionals or leaders or leadership positions are:

1. Superintendent
2. General supervisor
3. Supervisor of construction and maintenance
4. Supervisor of special activities
5. Director of centers
6. Play leaders
7. Specialists

Q5. List the leaders of the administration positions in recreation.

Ans. Following are the leaders of the administrative positions in recreation:

- Director of Recreation and Parks
- Administrative Assistant
- Director (Superintendent) of Recreation
- Assistant Director Superintendent of Recreation
- Director (Superintendent) of Parks
- Assistant Director Superintendent of Parks

Q6. Write the names of the recreation leaders in the supervision position.

Ans. The recreation leaders responsible for supervision are:

- District Recreation Supervisor
- Recreation Supervisor Functions
- Park Foreman
- Park Supervisor Function

Q7. List the positions of the recreational leaders who are responsible for the implementation of the recreation programs.

Ans. The recreation leaders who are responsible and involved in the implementation of the recreation programs are:

- Senior Recreation Leader
- Recreation Leader
- Assistant Recreation Leader
- Recreation Attendant
- Special Activity Leader

Q8. Give any five functions of the recreation leader.

Ans. Following are the functions of the recreation leader:

1. He/she does research to develop the quality of sports, recreation and leisure programs that are required and create and implement the most appropriate program.
2. The recreational leader ensures that a wide range of recreational activities be it indoor or outdoor, active or passive are provided to all irrespective of age, class, caste and physical limitations.
3. The recreational leader is responsible to monitor the care and maintenance of the equipments and facilities in the community.
4. The recreational leader has to promote programs, volunteering and leadership opportunities and also provide training in certain scenarios if need be.
5. The recreation leader has to plan and develop sport and recreation programs in order to ensure that activities and events are made available for all community members.

Q9. What are the functions under the implementation of recreation program by the recreation leader?

Ans. One of the vital responsibilities of the recreation leader is to implement recreation programs to ensure that residents have access to sports, recreation and leisure activities. This can be achieved through:

- Scheduling activities, facilities and volunteers as required
- Liaise with the recreation facility attendant to ensure programs and facilities are coordinated
- Supervise and lead activities, particularly for youth, elders and the specially abled group.
- Book all sport rental and community events as per the requirements of the recreational program being implemented, also the quantity should be appropriate with the ratio of participants.
- Recruit, train and oversee volunteers for the program, as any event is made or broken by the quality of its volunteers who form the backbone of the event.
- Assisting with and facilitating local involvement in regional and territorial programs.
- Supervising the recreation facilities and casual employees.
- Providing leadership training and opportunities and volunteer recognition.

Q10. How is the promotion of recreation programs achieved by the recreation leader?

Ans. An important function of the recreational leader is to promote recreation and sports programs in order to ensure that the residents are aware of available opportunities and activities. He/she need to coordinate an active community relations campaign to promote recreational and cultural programs in the community; arrange for advertising of programs if there is the budget for that or else in communities word of mouth is the best means of communication, plus the use of social media can also be incorporated as it is the best and the most rapid means of propagating information regarding an upcoming event or program; it is very important to maintain constant liaison including contacts with the locals, regional and territorial sport and recreational organizations as well.