Welcome to the December 2013 issue of Connect!

Best of luck for your new responsibilities!

At the Head Office

HR Humor

This issue includes an upclose and personal interview with Ms Afshan Khalid (General Manager School Evaluation Unit).

Q1. What is your favorite saying?
   Ans. “Time heals all wounds, but it doesn’t heal the broken.”

Q2. Give me the names of three famous people you admire and tell me what they inspire you to be.
   Ans. Henry Ford, Oprah Winfrey, Nelson Mandela. They inspire me to be a positive force for change and to never give up on my dreams.

Q3. What's your favorite movie?
   Ans. "The Shawshank Redemption". It's a film about hope and triumph over adversity.

Q4. If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?
   Ans. Banishing violence and conflict worldwide.

Q5. What is your most memorable event, past, present or future, what would it be?
   Ans. "Breaking Dawn" was interesting.

Q6. What is the most creative thing you have ever done?
   Ans. Omnilinguism! I could travel around the world and never have to worry about a language barrier.

Q7. What is the most important lesson you've learned in your life?
   Ans. "Nothing is permanent except death and taxes.""Learn to enjoy life's simple pleasures.

Q8. What is your favorite book?
   Ans. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Dr. Maya Angelou.

Q9. What is the best accomplishment you have?
   Ans. Being a part of a team that successfully developed a new educational program.

Q10. What are you thankful for?
    Ans. Hear no evil, speak no evil.

Q11. What is the most important quality a leader should possess?
    Ans. The shared vision makes this a great work place. The company is open to positive change, and encourages creativity and new ideas. The leaders here serve as positive role models for the employees.

Q12. What is your favorite way to relax?
    Ans. Listen to music and read books.

Q13. What is the biggest challenge you've faced?
    Ans. Managing a large team and ensuring they all work cohesively.

Q14. When I have many things to do, I begin with the easy ones.
    Ans. That's a good way to approach tasks. It helps to get the easy things out of the way first and then tackle the more difficult ones.

Q15. Listen closely to your boss's requests but also listen to your colleagues and subordinates.
    Ans. It's important to communicate effectively with all members of the team.

Q16. Everything happens for a reason.
    Ans. That's a positive way to look at life. Even difficult situations can often lead to growth and learning.

Q17. Nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all different and unique.
    Ans. It's important to embrace our differences and celebrate our individuality.

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Q19. "Hey, aren’t you listening?” is a question I am frequently asked.
    Ans. It's important to be attentive and engaged in conversations.

Q20. I like to set goals for myself and organize my time.
    Ans. That's a good way to stay productive.

Q21. I have, on occasion, felt I was the victim.
    Ans. It's important to recognize when we feel victimized and to take steps to change the situation.

Q22. "I'd rather have a novel idea than a good idea." What do you think?
    Ans. That's a wise statement. Novel ideas can often lead to breakthroughs.

Q23. Nothing is permanent except death and taxes.
    Ans. That's a good reminder to appreciate the present moment.

Q24. Responding to and accepting change.
    Ans. Change is inevitable and it's important to be adaptable.

Q25. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Be the light.
    Ans. That's a powerful message for dealing with negativity.

Q26. When everything seems to be going your way, remember that there’s something worse waiting around the corner.
    Ans. It's important to be cautious and to expect the unexpected.

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