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FOREWORD

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005, recommends that children's life at school must be linked to their life outside the school. This principle marks a departure from the legacy of bookish learning which continues to shape our system and causes a gap between the school, home and community. The syllabi and textbooks developed on the basis of NCF signify an attempt to implement this basic idea. They also attempt to discourage rote learning and the maintenance of sharp boundaries between different subject areas. We hope these measures will take us significantly further in the direction of a child-centred system of education outlined in the National Policy on Education (1986).

The success of this effort depends on the steps that school principals and teachers will take to encourage children to reflect on their own learning and to pursue imaginative activities and questions. We must recognise that, given space, time and freedom, children generate new knowledge by engaging with the information passed on to them by adults. Treating the prescribed textbook as the sole basis of examination is one of the key reasons why other resources and sites of learning are ignored. Inculcating creativity and initiative is possible if we perceive and treat children as participants in learning, not as receivers of a fixed body of knowledge.

These aims imply considerable change in school routines and mode of functioning. Flexibility in the daily time-table is as necessary as rigour in implementing the annual calendar so that the required number of teaching days are actually devoted to teaching. The methods used for teaching and evaluation will also determine how effective this textbook proves for making children's life at school a happy experience, rather than a source of stress or boredom. Syllabus designers have tried to address the problem of curricular burden by restructuring and reorienting knowledge at different stages with greater consideration for child psychology and the time available for teaching. The textbook attempts to enhance this endeavour by giving higher priority and space to opportunities for contemplation and wondering, discussion in small groups, and activities requiring hands-on experience.

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

As you read through this textbook, you will develop an understanding of the environment in which a business operates. The textbook discusses emerging modes of business in the context of entrepreneurship development, ethics in business and corporate social responsibility, small scale industries, intellectual property rights, goods and services tax, and many other contemporary issues in the conduct of internal and external business scenarios. Due emphasis is laid on entrepreneurship and innovation in unorganised sector along with content from corporate world. This will enable the learners observant of their immediate surroundings and business environment.

You will find additional reading material, interactive activities, stories of innovation and entrepreneurship, etc., as enrichment material for self learning. You will find newer e-resources under embedded QR codes (accessed via *e-pathshala app*) at various intervals.

The textbook is updated in the light of The Companies Act 2013, and the content is modified in accordance to new provisions of the Act 2013 in respective chapters.

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