

Listening to the Customer

Gallup QSA India

You need 8 minutes to glance through this big-print easy-to-read booklet. This booklet tells you what QSA is and why it is a new philosophy for quality-conscious management.

It tells you how QSA is essential for the survival, growth and success of your organisation in these swiftly changing times.

Do you think quality is the most important challenge that your organisation faces?

Management surveys show that 96% of CEOs do think so.

When quality as determined by the customer was not recognised as the most important challenge, this is what happened to the American industry and economy:

US-invented technology	US Share of domestic market (%)			
	1970	1975	1980	1987
Phonographs	90	40	30	1
Colour TVs	90	80	60	10
Audiotape recorders	40	10	10	0
Videotape recorders	10	10	1	1
Machine tool centres	99	97	79	35
Telephones	99	95	88	25
Semiconductors	89	71	65	64
Computers	NA	97	96	74

SOURCE: The US Commerce Dept's Council on Competitiveness

How well you understand the quality challenge will determine your organisation's survival, growth and success in the face of fierce competition in the national and international marketplace.

We all know that quality is no longer just:

- -a nice word
- -a notion of excellence
- a defect-free product or service
- a statement of one's sincere intentions
- a problem straddling both process and HRD.

Compliance with basic requirements of accuracy (zero defects), reliability and 100% dependability is simply not enough for companies to achieve growth.

Quality Circles, ISO 9000 Certification, Quality Audits or TQM are crucial to face the quality challenge.

But how do you measure their effectiveness?

Increasingly, dimensions such as speed, innovation, trust and discovery have become key ingredients of customer satisfaction.

And customer satisfaction is quality.



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QSA can make all the difference between your quality programme merely achieving cost reduction and achieving asset and revenue growth.

QSA derives its immense power from a single, invaluable insight:

Your customer's definition of quality is the only definition that counts.

QSA brings to you the Voice of the Customer

Who is your "Customer"?

The buyer who purchases your company's product?

OR

The client who purchases your professional services or facilities?

OR

The personnel department that reviews a request for an additional staff member?

OR

The employee who seeks specific instructions from his supervisor?

ANSWER:

All of the above.

Anyone who deals with your organisation in any capacity – as an insider or outsider – is your customer.

What exactly is the Quality of Service Audit?

It is another kind of audit that is just as important to your corporate performance and profitability as the financial audit.

The quality of your company's service must also be monitored on a regular basis — as accurately, objectively, and in as much detail as your company's finances.

Since quality is judged by customers, external and internal, they must be satisfied and must

remain satisfied.

The Quality of Service Audit measures both external and internal customer response on an on-going basis providing you with monthly, weekly — or even daily data.

Thus, problem areas that need attention can be identified and corrections made before they have a negative financial impact.

The QSA is in two complementary parts:

Customer Satisfaction Audit.

Organisational Development Audit.

QSA's Customer Satisfaction Audit:

Employing powerful tools, used in management research, to measure your customer's expectations of your organisation and his perceptions of your ability to deliver results.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Definition: The perceptions customers have of your organisation and of your organisation's products or services.

Desired Outcome: A quality product or service which satisfies the needs and expectations of your customers.

Specific Measurements:

Customers' perceptions of your organisation — as reflected by over 20 measurements relating to product or service quality including:

- Reliability
- Responsiveness and flexibility
- Innovation in service quality
- Logistics information.

QSA's Organisational Development Audit:

Based on the fact that there is a strong correlation between employees' satisfaction and external customer satisfaction.

EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION

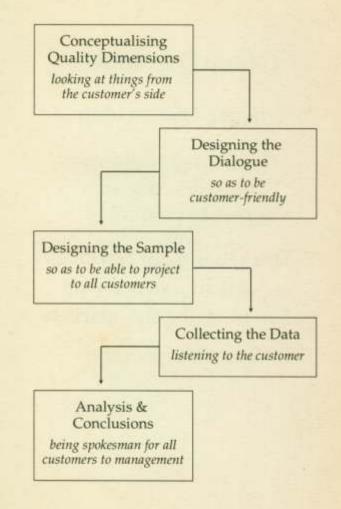
Definition: The opinions and attitudes of employees about the organisation they work for.

Desired Outcome: A quality process which will meet the needs of the organization's quality thrust.

Specific Measurements: Employee perceptions of your organization as reflected by over 15 measurements including:

- Communications
- Appraisal and career planning
- Training and retraining
- Awareness of the organisation's values, vision and strategy.

The Quality of Service Audit Process.



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world-wide research
expertise on quality
with
MBA's deep and
extensive knowledge of
Indian industry and markets.

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Gallup

- the world's largest market research agency
- the pioneers in opinion polling and psephology
- now leaders in QSA; Gallup has employed its size, resources and technical facilities to design and develop state-of-the-art QSA
- with the research industry's best known and most respected name, Gallup QSA India's findings will have credibility and acceptance within India and throughout the world

MBA

- one of India's leading market research agencies
- almost 20 years' extensive experience in applying "western" market research techniques in India
- a full-service research agency working in all segments of the economy — industrial products, consumer products, services
- a track record in customer satisfaction surveys.

If you want to:

- Assess the effectiveness of your quality thrust,
- achieve asset and revenue growth by making the full power of QSA work for you,
- and sustain or achieve leadership status for your organisation....

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The Spirit of QSA

10 Leaders / 10 Losers : A Quick Quiz

1.	"Quality is free"	Leader / Loser
2.	"Everyone is a potential customer"	Leader / Loser
3.	"I must treat all my customers the same"	Leader / Loser
4.	*Our quality goal is zero defects*	Leader / Loser
5.	"Just being the best is enough"	Leader / Loser
6.	"Every new customer helps"	Leader / Loser
7.	"More than error-free products and processes, quality is about speed and discovery"	Leader / Loser
8.	*Let our competition take our poor customers*	Leader / Loser
9.	"The way to grow in service quality is through prompt complaint resolution"	Leader / Loser
10.	"The core of my financial stra- tegy is to bring our costs down"	Leader / Loser
11.	"We know exactly where we can excel"	Leader / Loser

12.	"Zero defects is not enough"	Leader / Loser
13.	"Products and prices, not service quality is what counts"	Leader / Loser
14.	"In order to stay in business all I need to do is be competitive"	Leader / Loser
15.	"We do not want to be the largest but the company with the best customers"	Leader / Loser
16.	"Only best customers are advocates"	Leader/Loser
17.	"Quality is an investment, not a cost"	Leader / Loser
18.	"The wisest way to increase business is through the conq- uest of brand new customers"	Leader / Loser
19.	"Our service delivery system is the most critical component of our Q-score"	Leader / Loser
20.	"Our business is dependent upon the economy"	Leader / Loser

Leaders agree with: 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

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