

**System Restore:** System Restore is a very important utility that we use regularly for software level maintenance. System Restore enables us to take the system back in a particular older date. Though the date and time of system doesn't change, changes are done in settings, services, installed applications and OS policies.

When we find problems in our PC regarding OS malfunction or some kind of application program damage, we use this utility to take the system back in the date when everything was OK. All the services, settings, applications and policies of that older date get effective.

**System Restore Points:** A system restore point is a particular date in the system calendar when some kind of maintenance activity was done. Like when we perform backup operation, a restore point is created in the calendar. When we install some application software, a restore point is created.

Only these Restore Points are used in System Restore utility to get the system back. Not every date in the calendar can be chosen for this utility.

**Process:**

- 1.** Open **System Restore** from Start→All Programs→Accessories→System Tools→System Restore.
- 2.** On the wizard, click next.
- 3.** From the table, select a restore point and click next.
- 4.** Finally see the selected restore point, and the changes going to be effective after restore operation. Click Finish.
- 5.** The system logs off and on next log on, a message of 'Restore Successful' appears.
- 6.** We see that all the settings, services applications and policies of that older date have been effective.

**NOTE:** This is very important to know that System Restore utility works only for OS data and not for USER data. The user data is totally unaffected of this operation. It brings back only the OS services applications and policies.

**Assignments:**

- 1.** What is a Restore Point?
- 2.** Can we get back our deleted data by using System Restore utility? Give the reason.