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Second Semester

English

Skill Enhancement Course – PUBLIC SPEAKING
SKILLS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What is the first step in preparing a speech?
 - (a) Practicing in front of a mirror
 - (b) Creating visual aids
 - (c) Identifying your audience and purpose
 - (d) Writing the conclusion.

2. What is a key element of effective delivery?
 - (a) Speaking in a monotone voice
 - (b) Using filler words like “um” and “uh”
 - (c) Varying your tone and pace
 - (d) Speaking as fast as possible.
3. What is the main goal of informative speaking?
 - (a) To entertain (b) To persuade
 - (c) To teach (d) To celebrate
4. A wedding toast is an example of a _____ speech.
 - (a) Informative (b) Persuasive
 - (c) Ceremonial (d) Impromptu
5. Which technique can manage nervousness before a speech?
 - (a) Avoiding preparation
 - (b) Visualizing failure
 - (c) Practicing deep breathing and positive self-talk
 - (d) Drinking excessive caffeine.

6. What is the primary purpose of using visual aids in a presentation?
 - (a) To fill time
 - (b) To distract the audience
 - (c) To enhance understanding and retention
 - (d) To replace the speaker
7. What does "impromptu" speaking refer to?
 - (a) Delivering a speech from a fully written script.
 - (b) Speaking without any prior preparation.
 - (c) Reciting a memorized speech.
 - (d) Speaking from a brief outline.
8. Which delivery method emphasizes flexibility and naturalness?
 - (a) Manuscript
 - (b) Memorized
 - (c) Extemporaneous
 - (d) Reading
9. What is a potential disadvantage of memorized delivery?
 - (a) It lacks spontaneity
 - (b) It allows for close adherence to the script
 - (c) It ensures consistent wording
 - (d) It is easy to adapt to audience feedback

10. Which method is most suitable for speeches requiring precise wording, such as legal or scientific presentations?
 - (a) Impromptu
 - (b) Extemporaneous
 - (c) Manuscript
 - (d) Conversational

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Why is it important to develop strong public speaking abilities?
Or
(b) What advantages does proficiency in public speaking offer?
12. (a) Discuss the challenges and benefits of impromptu speaking. How does it differ from a prepared speech?
Or
(b) Compare and contrast demonstrative and informative speeches.
13. (a) Discuss strategies for managing nervousness and building confidence in public speaking.
Or
(b) Explain the significance of using visual aids in presentations.

14. (a) Explain the memorized method of speech delivery.

Or

- (b) Explain how public speaking can contribute to personal growth and self-confidence.

15. (a) Prepare a speech on : A travel adventure.

Or

- (b) Prepare a speech on: The power of positive thinking.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the key components that contribute to a successful presentation.

Or

- (b) Address the importance of eye contact, vocal variety and body language in Public Speaking.

17. (a) Illustrate the key elements of public speaking.

Or

- (b) Explain how storytelling can be used to effectively connect with an audience during a persuasive speech.

18. (a) Evaluate the interplay between verbal and non-verbal communication in public speaking.

Or

- (b) Critically assess the role of audience analysis in the development and delivery of a persuasive speech.

19. (a) Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of relying solely on a manuscript during a presentation.

Or

- (b) Discuss the significant disadvantages or challenges associated with public speaking.

20. (a) Prepare a speech on: The value of teamwork.

Or

- (b) Prepare a speech on: The science behind climate change.