

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
APRIL 2024.

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. Public speaking skills refer to the talent of effectively _____ the audience.
(a) writing about (b) listening to
(c) gazing at (d) addressing
2. Which one of the following should be avoided for an effective speech?
(a) planning (b) preparation
(c) practice (d) long sentences

8. Extemporaneous speech should be in _____ style.
(a) conversational style
(b) forceful style
(c) commanding style
(d) convincing style

9. _____ with your audience can actually help you feel more at ease
(a) making eye contact
(b) shaking hands
(c) sharing personal information
(d) sharing food

10. To overcome anxiety, _____
(a) prepare (b) practice
(c) take medication (d) prepare and practice

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain how public speaking fosters leadership abilities.
Or
(b) How did public speaking develop critical thinking?

3. Speaking which focuses on teaching people how to use products effectively is known as
(a) ceremonial speech
(b) demonstrative speech
(c) persuasive speech
(d) acceptance speech
4. In a persuasive speech the speaker aims to _____ the audience to accept a particular perspective on person, place, idea etc.
(a) aggravate (b) please
(c) convince (d) kindly
5. Use variations in speed, inflections and force to hold _____ attention.
(a) speaker's (b) neighbour's
(c) stranger's (d) audience
6. Pausing while speaking in public is _____
(a) unwelcome (b) essential
(c) welcome (d) nice
7. An impromptu speech is given with _____
(a) preparation (b) no preparation
(c) training (d) rehearsal

12. (a) Write a short note on informative speech.
Or
(b) What are the key techniques for successful ceremonial speech?
13. (a) Comment on the role of gestures in public speaking.
Or
(b) Examine the effect of storytelling in public speaking.
14. (a) Write a note on impromptu speech.
Or
(b) Explain the disadvantages of manuscript delivery.
15. (a) Give a speech on "Role of technology in Education".
Or
(b) Speak about your goal in life.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions by choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Elaborate on the significance of public speaking skills.

Or

(b) Examine how public speaking enhances career prospects.

17. (a) Elaborate on the elements of public speaking.

Or

(b) Discuss Demonstrative and Persuasive speech.

18. (a) Comment on the role of presentation tools.

Or

(b) Elaborate on the techniques of effective public speaking.

19. (a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of public speaking.

Or

(b) Discuss about extemporaneous speech delivery.

20. (a) Deliver a speech on Global Warming.

Or

(b) Give a speech on "Your Favorite Game".