



M.A. I Semester Degree Examination, April/May - 2024

POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Public Speaking Skills and Political Oration
(NEP)**

Time : 1 Hour

Maximum Marks : 30

Instruction : Answer All the Questions (MCQs). Each Question Carries 1 Mark

1. What is the importance of knowing the venue and audience before delivering a public speech ?
 - (A) It is irrelevant and does not affect the speech
 - (B) It helps tailor the speech to the audience and environment
 - (C) It is only necessary for experienced speakers
 - (D) It is important to ignore the venue and audience

2. Which of the following is a recommended strategy for managing nerves before delivering a public speech ?
 - (A) Avoiding preparation to maintain spontaneity
 - (B) Drinking excessive amount of caffeine
 - (C) Taking deep breaths and practising relaxation techniques
 - (D) Focusing solely on potential mistakes

3. How can rehearsal help improve the delivery of a public speech ?
 - (A) By increasing anxiety and stress levels
 - (B) By allowing the speaker to identify and address areas for improvement
 - (C) By memorizing the speech word for word
 - (D) By avoiding practising altogether

4. Which of the following is not a component of effective communication ?
 - (A) Listening
 - (B) Speaking
 - (C) Reacting
 - (D) Understanding

5. What is the primary purpose of active listening in communication ?
 - (A) To formulate responses
 - (B) To understand the speaker's message
 - (C) To interrupt the speaker
 - (D) To show dominance in the conversation



6. Which of the following is an example of non-verbal communication ?
- (A) Text message
 - (B) Facial expressions
 - (C) Phone call
 - (D) Email
7. Which of the following communication barriers relate to differences in cultural backgrounds ?
- (A) Physical barriers
 - (B) Language barriers
 - (C) Psychological barriers
 - (D) Cultural barriers
8. Which speaking technique involves organizing thoughts and ideas in a logical order ?
- (A) Active listening
 - (B) Clarity
 - (C) Structure
 - (D) Empathy
9. Which communication skill involves the ability to convey ideas clearly and concisely ?
- (A) Listening
 - (B) Empathy
 - (C) Clarity
 - (D) Persuasion
10. Which of the following is a technique for overcoming communication apprehension ?
- (A) Avoiding eye contact
 - (B) Focusing on negative feedback
 - (C) Practising relaxation techniques
 - (D) Interrupting the speaker
11. What is the primary goal of public oration ?
- (A) To confuse the audience
 - (B) To entertain only
 - (C) To inform and persuade
 - (D) To remain silent
12. What is the term for the technique of using vivid language to evoke emotions in the audience ?
- (A) Monotone
 - (B) Rhetoric
 - (C) Jargon
 - (D) Cliche



13. Which of the following is a key element in maintaining audience engagement during a speech ?
- (A) Speaking in a monotone voice
 - (B) Avoiding eye contact
 - (C) Using complex and technical language
 - (D) Incorporating humor and anecdotes
14. What does the term “gestures” refer to in public speaking ?
- (A) Visual aids
 - (B) Non-verbal body movements
 - (C) Written scripts
 - (D) Audience reactions
15. What is the purpose of the introduction in a speech ?
- (A) To summarize key points
 - (B) To provide background information
 - (C) To conclude the speech
 - (D) To confuse the audience
16. Which of the following is a key aspect of effective vocal delivery in public speaking ?
- (A) Speaking rapidly
 - (B) Using a monotone voice
 - (C) Varying pitch, tone, and pace
 - (D) Ignoring pronunciation
17. What is the term for the final part of speech, where the speaker summarizes key points and leaves a lasting impression ?
- (A) Introduction
 - (B) Climax
 - (C) Conclusion
 - (D) Body
18. What is the role of rhetorical questions in a speech ?
- (A) To confuse the audience
 - (B) To emphasize a point and engage the audience
 - (C) To provide statistical data
 - (D) To avoid audience interaction
19. Which communication style is characterized by speaking in a straightforward and direct manner ?
- (A) Passive
 - (B) Assertive
 - (C) Aggressive
 - (D) Submissive



20. What is the primary advantage of visual communication ?
(A) It is quick and easy to understand
(B) It allows for detailed explanations
(C) It is primarily text-based
(D) It requires minimal preparation
21. Which of the following is NOT a type of visual aid used in presentations ?
(A) Bar chart
(B) Line graph
(C) Oral summary
(D) Pie chart
22. In oral communication, what does active listening involve ?
(A) Speaking loudly to ensure comprehension
(B) Interrupting the speaker with questions
(C) Giving full attention and providing feedback
(D) Ignoring the speaker's message
23. What is the purpose of feedback in communication ?
(A) To end the conversation
(B) To provide criticism
(C) To ensure understanding and clarify information
(D) To dominate the conversation
24. What is a primary characteristic of creative thinking ?
(A) Linear thought processes
(B) Conformity to established norms
(C) Flexibility and originality
(D) Adherence to strict rules
25. Which of the following is an example of personal responsibility ?
(A) Making excuses for failure
(B) Procrastinating on important tasks
(C) Taking initiative to solve problems
(D) Avoiding challenges
26. Effective decision-making involves:
(A) Ignoring the potential outcomes
(B) Relying solely on intuition
(C) Considering alternatives and their implications
(D) Making decisions hastily without consideration
27. Which approach is essential for making informed decisions ?
(A) Overlooking long-term consequences
(B) Discounting the opinions of others
(C) Seeking relevant information and perspectives
(D) Following personal biases exclusively



28. What is a characteristics of responsible decision-making ?
- (A) Disregarding ethical considerations
 - (B) Focusing solely on short-term gains
 - (C) Considering the impact on oneself and others
 - (D) Ignoring the potential consequences
29. What does civic awareness entail ?
- (A) Ignoring the needs of the community
 - (B) Being actively engaged in community issues and activities
 - (C) Disregarding the impact of personal actions on society
 - (D) Avoiding participation in public affairs
30. Social responsibility requires individuals to:
- (A) Prioritize personal interests over community welfare
 - (B) Disregard the needs of vulnerable populations
 - (C) Contribute positively to society and respect cultural diversity
 - (D) Avoid involvement in social issues

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