



National Officers Academy

Mock Exams CSS-2025

August 2024 (Mock-4)

ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

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TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

NOTE:

- i. Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
- ii. Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.

PART-II

(15+5=20)

Q. 2 Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Around four billion people have the opportunity to cast their votes in a series of major elections this year. However, the threat to democratic integrity posed by misinformation and disinformation looms large. An effective democracy relies on evidence-based discourse and informed citizens. Concern about the expected blizzard of election-related misinformation is warranted, given the capacity of false information to boost polarization and undermine trust in electoral processes.

Specifically, there is widespread worry about malign influence on voters, be it through conventional propaganda (including warmongering and xenophobic disinformation), unsubstantiated claims about candidates or AI-generated deepfakes (digitally altered visual media). Anti-democratic agents might also attack the electoral process directly, as was, for instance, seen in Spain in July last year, when malicious foreign actors set up an imitation of the Regional Government of Madrid's website just before an election to falsely claim that terrorists planned to attack polling stations.

Several mechanisms to protect the public against misinformation exist — from general educational interventions to specific attempts to counter misleading messages with evidence-based campaigns. But the deployment of these mechanisms requires the resolution of three issues by scholars and practitioners: recognition of the seriousness of the problem; acceptance that classifying information as false or misleading is often warranted; and an assurance that interventions against misinformation uphold democratic principles, including freedom of expression.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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Democratic Integrity : Threats and solutions.

Misinformation and disinformation are threats to democratic integrity, resulting in fragmentation and erosion of trust. Another substantial concern is the influence on voters with the help of propaganda, unnecessary aims or AI ^{generated} fake visuals. The problem can be solved by spreading **awareness**, and combating misinformation with evidence based campaign. However, before using these mechanism, some issues are needed to be solved which **include**: realizing the seriousness of the problem, understanding the necessity of labelling and protecting democratic principles.

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Idea is ok. Punctuation needs improvement.