



National Officers Academy

Test Series-6 for CSS-2024

Dec.2023, Jan. 2024(Final Test)

ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

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PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

NOTE:

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

PART-II

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

(15+5=20)

What the future of oratory in general will be, it is impossible to forecast. The English word 'orator' seems to have fallen on evil days. It is rarely used without a slightly derisory accent as when men say with curious emphasis, "I am no orator as Brutus is". The orators of ancient times felt themselves to be engaged on the task of highest worth and value. They were "shaping works for all the future" and "offering themselves to be examined by all-testing Envy and Time", as one of the ancient writers said when defending and praising the scrupulous care taken by Demosthenes. Today, the care and attention given to the art of public speaking has sensibly declined. It is not to be expected, of course, that men and women in these modern days should bestow upon the art of public speaking the infinite pains that were taken in the ancient world. The growth of the power of the written word since the introduction of printing, the special conversational technique of broadcasting, the immense growth in the numbers of those who speak in councils and committees and meetings of all kinds, and many changes of a similar kind, have all tended to lessen the interest in the more polished or more ornate kinds of speaking; and men and women in the busy age have little time to strive for perfection in the form of what they say.

Sir Winston Churchill is in many respects a survivor from the golden age of oratory. No doubt it could be said of him as was said of the great orators of ancient times, "he adopts no thought, no word at random, but takes much care of both the arrangement of his ideas and the graciousness of his language". But however this may be, he is certainly in the great tradition. English oratory is adorned with many famous names. And into that great company Sir Winston Churchill enters as a right. From his lips have come some of the sublime utterances in the language. For more than fifty years he has expressed himself on great national and international matters, and the volumes of his speeches are a history in themselves of these tremendous years. Many of his speeches will live as examples of human speech at its highest and best, and they will be woven into the fabric of our own history and the history of the world. They will also remain as undying memorial to the man who made them and became the greatest figure of his age.

Precis Writing

Passage: - - -

Fate and Future of Oratory

The future of oratory is impossible to predict. The orators in the past were engaged in different tasks. But, today the art of public speaking has immensely declined. In the modern age, men and women has not realised the pain the art of public speaking had in the past. In the busy age, they have little time for the selection of words and arrangement of thoughts. In the art of public speaking, Churchill can be taken as the quintessence of the best qualities of oratory. His speeches on national and international subjects will always survive as a valuable part of human history.

Passage Count: 426

Precis Count: 103

Title: / 5 (Marks)

Precis: / 15