



National Officers Academy
Online Test Series for CSS-2025
January 2025(Final Test)
ENGLISH (PRECIS AND COMPOSITION)

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS	PART-I (MCQS)	MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-II	MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

NOTE:

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.

(PART-I MCQs) (COMPULSORY)

Q.1. (a) Choose the word that is near most similar in meaning to the Capitalized Words. (10)
(Write on Answer Sheet)

1. **GARRULOUS:** (a) Fecund (b) Gossipy (c) Acerbic (d) Concomitant
2. **INEXORABLE:** (a) Maudlin (b) Aspersion (c) Defile (d) Inevitable
3. **EXTOL:** (a) Pallid (b) Enervate (c) Florid (d) Admire
4. **OBSTREPEROUS:** (a) untamed (b) timid (c) palliate (d) rife
5. **CONTORT:** (a) wrench (b) stubborn (c) factious (d) unbroken
6. **DEMURE:** a) shy (b) spoiled (c) profane (d) disrespectful
7. **EMBOLISM:** (a) prevalent (b) blockage (c) disenthral (d) indigenous
8. **HARANGUE:** (a) Diatribe (b) Forceful (c) reign (d) hoodwink
9. **IMPASSIVE:** (a) shy (b) notorious (c) apathetic (d) intimation
10. **LABYRINTH:** (a) Active (b) assiduous (c) Confusing (d) confirmed

Q.1. (b) Choose the word that is near most opposite in meaning to the Capitalized Words. (10)
(Write on Answer Sheet)

1. **TRANSGRESSION:** (a) Observance (b) clot (c) conformity (d) enliven
2. **ENERVATE:** (a) exhaust (b) energize (c) harden (d) Sincere
3. **FLOUT:** (a) Improve (b) dilute (c) accept (d) scorn
4. **COAGULATE:** (a) Harden (b) dilute (c) mend (d) composure
5. **DAUNT:** (a) encourage (b) combine (c) depressing (d) small
6. **BOLSTER:** (a) reinforce (b) massive (c) menace (d) weaken
7. **AMALGAMATE:** (a) embolden (b) Separate (c) bright (d) decrease
8. **PROFITIOUS:** (a) Optimistic (b) Colossal (c) hopeless (d) Enrich
9. **PRODIGIOUS:** (a) Small (b) bright (c) heartening (d) assist
10. **INTIMIDATE:** (a) encourage (b) augment (c) help (d) auspicious



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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 derisive 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.

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20)

When it came to promoting its new video-game console, the Wii, in America, Nintendo recruited a handful of carefully chosen suburban mothers in the hope that they would spread the word among their friends that the Wii was a gaming console the whole family could enjoy together. Nintendo thus became the latest company to use “word-of-mouth” marketing. Nestlé, Sony and Philips have all launched similar campaigns in recent months to promote everything from bottled water to electric toothbrushes. As the power of traditional advertising declines, what was once an experimental marketing approach is becoming more popular. After all, no form of advertising carries as much weight as an endorsement from a friend. “Amway and Tupperware know you can blend the social and economic to business advantage,” says Walter Carl, a marketing guru at Northeastern University. The difference now, he says, is that the internet can magnify the effect of such endorsements. The difficulty for marketers is creating the right kind of buzz and learning to control it. Negative views spread just as quickly as positive ones, so if a product has flaws, people will soon find out. And Peter Kim of Forrester, a consultancy, points out that when Microsoft sent laptops loaded with its new Windows Vista software to influential bloggers in an effort to get them to write about it, the resulting online discussion ignored Vista and focused instead on the morality of accepting gifts and the ethics of word-of-mouth marketing. Bad buzz, in short.

BzzAgent, a controversial company based in Boston that is one of the leading exponents of word-of-mouth marketing, operates a network of volunteer “agents” who receive free samples of products in the post. They talk to their friends about them and send back their thoughts. In return, they receive rewards through a points program—an arrangement they are supposed to make clear. This allows a firm to create buzz around a product and to see what kind of word-of-mouth response it generates, which can be useful for subsequent product development and marketing. Last week BzzAgent launched its service in Britain. Dave Balter, BzzAgent’s founder, thinks word-of-mouth marketing will become

a multi-billion-dollar industry. No doubt he tells that to everyone he meets.

Questions:

- Q1. What is the experimental approach discussed in the passage?(4)
- Q2. What can we infer from Walter Carl's statement?(4)
- Q3. What is the effect of the internet on Word-of-mouth marketing?(4)
- Q4. According to Peter Kim, what happened to Microsoft's marketing campaign for Vista?(4)
- Q5. What is the challenge for the marketers?(4)

Q. 4 Correct any FIVE of the following sentences.

(10)

1. Neither of the two sisters are coming to the party.
2. The sceneries of Kashmir are breathtakingly beautiful.
3. I have seen him yesterday at the market.
4. She has completed more projects than anyone in her team has or can complete.
5. The poet and philosopher are honored for their works.
6. He is senior than me in the office.
7. The news are to good to be true.

Q. 5. A. Re-write FIVE the following sentences after filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

(5)

1. Don't take revenge --- these slight injuries.
2. He distributed money--- the poor.
3. Success consists --- determination.
4. His words do not correspond --- his actions.
5. I was disappointed --- Akram's insincerity.
6. The teacher impressed --- us the need for hard work.
7. Bureaucrats consider themselves responsible --- none.
8. I shall pass your message ---when he gets free.

B. Punctuate the following passage:

(5)

early in the morning as the sun rose i decided to go for a walk the air was fresh and the birds were chirping loudly suddenly I saw a small dog running across the park it seemed lost and frightened unsure of what to do I approached it slowly to avoid scaring it further thankfully a man came running and said oh there you are buddy I've been looking for you everywhere

Q.6. A. Make sentences to illustrate the meaning of any FIVE of the following Pair of Words.

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| 1. Ingenious, Ingenuous | 5. Yoke, Yolk |
| 2. Placable, Placeable | 6. Casual, Causal |
| 3. Restive, Restless | 7. Pour, pore |
| 4. Setup, set upon | |

B. Use only FIVE of the following in your own sentences to bring out their meanings.

(5)

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| 1. A bad lot | 6. At a stretch |
| 2. A sit in | 7. Head over heels |
| 3. A bolt from the blue | 8. Break the ice |
| 4. Hobson's choice | 9. Sword of Damocles |
| 5. Out and out | 10. A turncoat |

Q.7. Translate the following into English, keeping in view the idiomatic/figurative expression.

(10)

دنیا کی سب سے بڑی خوشیو ایک باغ میں نہیں، بلکہ دل کی خوشی میں چھپی ہوتی ہے۔ بعض اوقات ہم اپنی زندگی کی قیمتیں چیزوں میں ڈھونڈتے ہیں، لیکن حقیقت یہ ہے کہ سب سے بڑی خوشی وہ ہوتی ہے جو ہمیں دل کی گہرائیوں میں ملتی ہے۔ یہ خوشی کسی دفتر یا عیش و عشرت کی زندگی میں نہیں، بلکہ اس لمحے میں ہے جب ہم اپنی کامیابیاں چھو کر اپنی روح کو سکون محسوس کرتے ہیں۔ اکثر ہم اپنی زندگی کی چھوٹی چھوٹی خوشیوں کو نظر انداز کر دیتے ہیں اور بڑی کامیابیوں کی تلاش میں رہتے ہیں۔ لیکن جب ہم اپنے دل کی آواز سننے لگتے ہیں، تو ہم دریافت کرتے ہیں کہ اصل خوشی ان چیزوں میں ہے جو ہمیں آسانی سے مل جاتی ہیں۔

Best of Luck for CSS-2025