

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI**

**II Semester 2023-2024**  
**Course No.: GS F245**  
**Course Title: Effective Public Speaking**  
**Mid Semester (CB)**

Date: 13 March 2023

Time: 90mts (2-3.30 pm)

MM: 60

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**Note:** Answer all questions. Start every answer from fresh page.

Write neatly and legibly.

Grammatical errors will be penalized

- Q.1 JITC Indore organized an Inter-College Parliamentary debate competition in the recently conducted Academic Fest on the topic ‘Should Marriage Act Be Based on Religion?’ Given below is the gist of what the proposition argued. Read it carefully and **construct two arguments with supporting evidence from the opposition side.**

(7.5+7.5=15 marks)

**The Proposition :** *“Marriage is a powerful and deep bond that connects a man and a woman as a family, and the religion, followed by the partners, somewhat regulates the stability of their relationship. Numerous sociological studies have shown that religion is vital in providing greater marital solidarity, higher levels of marital satisfaction, and an increased inclination to marry. A study was carried out on 86 highly religious-minded Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian married couples to understand the correlation between religious faith and its impact on the stability of relationships and their marital happiness. The study revealed that having the same religious faith, practices, and beliefs prolonged the confidence and commitment in a married couple compared to a couple from different religions. So, the state should pass a marriage act based on religion and make it illegal for a man and a woman of different religions to get married. This provision must be made because religion is a fundamental basis for forming a family.”*

- Q.2 Imagine that you are Dean of the Foreign Language University, Gangtok. On the Founders Day, you are invited as the Chief Guest to deliver a speech on the topic ‘Benefits of Learning Foreign Languages’ **Now prepare a complete preparation outline of the speech. Your speech outline should necessarily consist of three main points and two-level sub-points under each main point.** Mention all the elements used by you in parentheses. (25 marks)

- Q.3 What do you understand by critical thinking? What are the different dimensions of critical thinking, and how can they help you improve your public speaking? Discuss with examples. (4+6+6+4=20 marks)

Enjoy Writing!

