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Course No. : GS F245

**Course Title: Effective Public Speaking
Comprehensive Exam (OB)**

Date: 8 May 2023

Time: 120mins

MM: 60

**Note: Start every question from a fresh page. No exchange of notes/ books is allowed.
Maintain linguistic accuracy and stylistic appropriateness of language while writing.**

- Q.1** Given below is the opening of the extraordinary speech on “**Role of Western values in contemporary Indian society**” -- delivered by Mr. Narayana Murthy, Chairman of the Board, Infosys Technologies Limited, at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management on October 02, 2002.
Read this excerpt carefully and identify the elements of effective opening used in the given excerpt. Write the part of the speech and name the element. Specify the parts of the speech and discuss in about 80 words. 15 Marks

It is a pleasure to be here at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management. Lal Bahadur Shastri was a man of strong values and he epitomized simple living. He was a freedom fighter and innovative administrator who contributed to nation building in full measure. It is indeed a matter of pride for me to be chosen for the Lal Bahadur Shastri Award for Public Administration and Management Sciences. I thank the jury for this honor.

When I got the invitation to speak here, I decided to speak on an important topic on which I have pondered for years - the role of Western values in contemporary Indian society. Coming from a company that is built on strong values, the topic is close to my heart. Moreover, an organization is representative of society, and some of the lessons that I have learnt are applicable in the national context. In fact, values drive progress and define quality of life in society.

- Q.2** Given below is a brief award presentation speech. Read it carefully. **15 Marks**

“Our next award is the Outstanding Graduate Research Award, which goes to the graduate student who has made the most significant contribution to our department. The recipient of this award certainly deserves this honor because she does today what others do not in order to achieve tomorrow what others will not. Therefore, I proudly present this year’s Outstanding Graduate Research Award to Aaravi Petra.”

Imagine that you are Aaravi Petra and this award is being given to you. Now draft a **complete award acceptance speech in about 300 words.**

Q.3 Imagine that you are appearing in a Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Job interview. Answer the following questions asked by the interviewer (about 120 words each): **16 Marks**

- a. If you were given a choice to choose between a job offer from Google and TCS, which one would you choose and why?
- b. What was the hardest thing you went through in life, and how did you get past it?

Q. 4 Read the following excerpt from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's famous speech and **identify all the four connective devices (CD)**. While answering **list 7** connective devices used in the following excerpt. Write the sentence(s) in your answer sheet where you identify that particular CD, underline it and Name the connective device of the part.

You should necessarily have **at least ONE from each type.** **7X2=14 Marks**

The following edited text is the speech delivered by former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam:

My Vision for India

Today I am going to share my three visions for India. In 3000 years of our history people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands, conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards the Greeks, the Turks, the Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture and their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them. Why? Because we respect the freedom of others. That is why my **FIRST VISION** is that of **FREEDOM**. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the war of Independence. It is this freedom that we must protect and nurture and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us.

We have 10 percent growth rate in most areas. Our poverty levels are falling. Our achievements are being globally recognised today. Yet we lack the self-confidence to see ourselves as a developed nation, self-reliant and self-assured. Isn't this incorrect? **MY SECOND VISION** for India is **DEVELOPMENT**. For fifty years we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation. We are among top five nations in the world in terms of GDP.

After talking about Protecting our Freedom and Making India Developed, I must talk about my **THIRD VISION**. India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that unless India

stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand-in-hand. My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, of the Dept. of Space, Professor Satish Dhawan, who succeeded him and Dr. Brahm Prakash, father of nuclear material. I was lucky to have worked with all three of them closely and consider this the great opportunity of my life.

I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14 year-old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life is. She replied: I want to live in a developed India. For her, you and I will have to build this developed India. You must proclaim India is not an underdeveloped nation; it is a highly developed nation.

You say that our government is inefficient. You say that our laws are too old. You say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage. You say that the phones don't work, the railways are a joke, the airline is the worst in the world, and mails never reach their destination. You say that our country has been fed to the dogs and is the absolute pits. You say, say and say. What do you do about it?

Dear Indians, I am echoing J.F.Kennedy's words to his fellow Americans to relate to Indians "ASK WHAT WE CAN DO FOR INDIA AND DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE INDIA WHAT AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TODAY."

Enjoy Writing!