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U.G. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2016

Second Semester

Common Course—English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

Answer the following questions in two or three sentences.

Each question carries 1 mark.

Answer all questions from this part.

1. What is biased sample ?
2. What is common cause fallacy ?
3. What is direct quote ?
4. What is in-text citation ?
5. What is bibliography ?
6. What is a topic sentence ?
7. What is a restrictive case ?
8. What is an agenda ?
9. What are minutes ?
10. What is meant by 'Premise of an argument' ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any eight of the following in a paragraph.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. How does critical thinking affect you as a reader and writer ?
12. While selecting arguments in a critical thinking essay, what are the basic concerns that your audience need you to address ?
13. What are indicator words for conclusions ?
14. What are the features of good academic writing ?

Turn over

15. What are the different types of 'complementary close' ?
16. What are argumentative essays ?
17. What are the different presentation strategies ?
18. What are the features of a group discussion ?
19. What are the purposes of conducting an interview ?
20. What are the characteristics of a good description ?
21. What is a seminar paper ?
22. What are the uses of e-mail ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

*Answer any six of the following in about 100 words.
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. What is inferential comprehension ?
24. What are the commonly used proof-reading marks ?
25. What are the common parts of a formal letter ?
26. What are the uses of colons ?
27. What is end punctuation ?
28. Write a short essay on modals.
29. What are relative pronouns ?
30. What are arguments ?
31. What is unqualified generalization ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

*Answer any two of the following in about 300 words.
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. How do you write good beginnings and endings for paragraphs and essays ?
33. Write an abstract for a research study on unemployment in rural India.
34. Write a narrative essay about your visit to a place of historical significance.
35. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper discussing the dilapidated condition of roads in your area.

(2 × 15 = 30)