

UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2018

Second Semester

Common Course—English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2013–2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

Answer the following questions each in one or two sentences.

Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is Red herring fallacy ?
2. What is coincidence ?
3. What is biased sample ?
4. What is Ad hominem ?
5. What is Divine fallacy ?
6. What are parentheses ?
7. What is end punctuation ?
8. What is colon ?
9. What are hard skills ?
10. What is enclosure notation ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any eight of the following each in about 50 words.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What are the uses of e-mails ?
12. What is 'Abstract' in a seminar paper ?
13. You are the president of the dramatic club of your college. Write a notice for the audition of a play to be stayed two months from the present date.
14. What is Agenda ?
15. What are the guidelines for writing narration ?
16. What are the characteristics of a comparison/contrast essay ?

Turn over

17. Write a speech in honour of your principal who has been transferred to another college.
18. What is the sequence of structuring a presentation ?
19. What are flip charts ?
20. What are the stages in an interview ?
21. What are prefixes ?
22. What are the different tense patterns ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

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

23. What are phrasal verbs ?
24. What is subject-verb agreement ?
25. What are the uses of hyphens ?
26. What are the strategies for writing conclusions for an essay ?
27. What is Plagiarism ? How will you avoid plagiarism ?
28. What is 'Direct Quote' in documenting your research paper ?
29. What is Inferential Comprehension ?
30. What are Deductive and Inductive Arguments ?
31. What are the barriers to critical thinking ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

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

32. Write an essay on 'Documentation of a Research Paper' ? What is the standard style sheet or referencing style used ?
33. Write an interview to be conducted for the post of 'Supervisor' in a company. Suppose there are four members in the board.
34. Write a Group Discussion on the topic 'The Destruction of Rivers and Backwaters in Kerala'. Suppose there are four participants.
35. Write a narrative essay on the topic 'Road Accidents in Kerala : causes and remedies'.

(2 × 15 = 30)