

## C.B.C.S.S. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2011

## Second Semester

Common Course : English

## CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(Common for all UG Programmes under CBCSS except B.A. English (Triple Main) B.A. Animation and Graphic Design and B.A. Multimedia)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

## Part A

*Answer all questions.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

## I. Choose the correct answer from the following :—

- 1 It is not fair that you scold me for not doing my course work because I've had family problems. This is an example of :

- (a) appeal to fear. (b) ad hominem.  
(c) appeal to pity. (d) amphiboly.

- 2 Choose the answer which could be a reason for the given conclusion :

Conclusion : Sam could not have committed the murder.

- (a) Sam had both the opportunity and a motive to commit the murder.  
(b) Sam could not have gained anything by committing the murder.  
(c) Sam was several miles away from the scene of the murder when the victim was stabbed to death.  
(d) None of the above.

- 3 What is not the logical conclusion that follows from these premises ?

- (i) X is the father of Y.  
(ii) X is the grandfather of Z.  
(a) Y is the father of Z. (b) Y may be the uncle of Z.  
(c) Y may be the father of Z. (d) All of these.

- 4 Arguments in geometry are examples of :

- (a) Deductive reasoning. (b) Inductive reasoning.  
(c) Inductive analogy. (d) Critical reasoning.

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- II. 5 Which of the following can help in developing critical thinking abilities ?  
(a) Meditation. (b) Criticizing.  
(c) Having a questioning attitude. (d) Reading books on philosophy.
- 6 My daughter put a lot of effort into her course work, so it was unfair of the teacher to give her a bad grade. This is an example of :  
(a) inductive reasoning. (b) appeal to emotion.  
(c) valid argument. (d) deductive reasoning.
- 7 Which among the following can be most authentic source of information for academic topics ?  
(a) journals. (b) magazines.  
(c) internet. (d) surveys.
- 8 Which of the following is not a feature of good academic writing ?  
(a) fact-based. (b) organized presentation.  
(c) thesis-driven. (d) entertaining.
- III. 9 Whenever you use matter from other source, you should :  
(a) paraphrase to avoid plagiarism.  
(b) acknowledge the source.  
(c) both.  
(d) none of the above.
- 10 Choose the articles and fill in the blanks :  
My sister-in-law works for ——— European company. She really likes ——— work culture there.  
(a) an, a. (b) an, a.  
(c) an, the. (d) a, the.
- 11 Choose the correct verb :  
The photograph faded from too much sun, and the original, brightly-printed fabric on the sofa ——— much of its color, too.  
(a) lose. (b) loses.  
(c) lost. (d) had lost.
- 12 Fill in the blanks using the correct preposition :  
The accident did not cause much damage ——— my car.  
(a) on. (b) in.  
(c) with. (d) to.
- IV. 13 Choose the correct statement :  
(a) Gold is found in Australia.  
(b) The gold is found in Australia.  
(c) Gold is found in the Australia.  
(d) None of the above.

- 14 In the covering letter for a job you need not :  
(a) specify the city you are from.  
(b) bother about the number of words.  
(c) give your full name.  
(d) provide reference to the article you are responding to.
- 15 In reports, where will you place the table of contents ?  
(a) After the acknowledgement and the summary.  
(b) After the list of abbreviations.  
(c) Before the acknowledgement.  
(d) After the acknowledgement and before the summary.
- 16 In a presentation of 100 people, you must not use \_\_\_\_\_ as a visual aid.  
(a) power point projections. (b) flip charts.  
(c) overhead projections. (d) video projections.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following questions each in a sentence or two.*

*Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 *Every part of this chair is light. Therefore, this chair is light.* This is an example of **fallacy of composition**. Give another example for this fallacy and attempt a definition of the same.
- 18 Choose a statement with which you agree and state one reason why you believe this :  
(a) Smoking in public places should be banned.  
(b) Schools should be required to provide sex education.
- 19 Analyse the passage below and indicate whether it constitutes an argument. Specify both the conclusion and the premises.

Nor does one have to be brilliant in all respects to be a good and creative problem-solver. A classic instance, of course, is that of Albert Einstein, who was not especially competent at basic mathematics and whose school marks were far from distinguished. But despite the fact that he was average in some ways, Einstein was able to produce dazzlingly creative ideas in Mathematics and Physics.

Steve Allen, Dumbth.

- 20 What do you understand by proof reading ?
- 21 Write two guidelines to be followed while writing an e-mail.
- 22 What are minutes ?
- 23 What is an ice-breaker ?
- 24 What are the things to be borne in mind when using an overhead projector ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

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**Part C**

*Answer any four of the following questions in about 100 words.*

*Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 How is an inductive argument different from a deductive argument ? Give examples.
- 26 How does critical thinking influence you as a reader and writer ?
- 27 You are the Sports Captain of your college and you are planning to constitute a basketball team. Prepare a notice for the selection of the team members.
- 28 What do you understand by argumentative essays ? Build a short argument on the importance of propagating general reading among students.
- 29 What are the points to be remembered when writing the title of an essay or article ?
- 30 Write an introduction for a presentation on the Health Hazards of Smoking Tobacco.

(4 × 2 = 8)

**Part D**

*Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words.*

*Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Write an essay on the barriers of critical thinking.
- 32 What are the visual aids you could use in a presentation ? How do they help the presentation ?
- 33 Write a resume with covering letter for the post of the Assistant Marketing Manager at LG Electronics India Pvt. Ltd. in response to their advertisement in the Times of India, dtd. 01 September 2010.

(2 × 4 = 8)