

E 3001

(Pages : 4)

Reg. No.....

Name.....

U.G. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2012

Second Semester

Common Course—English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(Common for all U.G. Programmes under C.B.C.S.S. except B.A. English (Three Main),
B.A. Animation and Graphic Design and B.A. Multimedia)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

Answer all questions from this part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

Choose the correct answer from the following :

I. 1. Which of the following is not a barrier to critical thinking ?

- (a) Egocentrism.
- (b) Tendency to think in binaries.
- (c) Awareness of social brainwashing.
- (d) Fears regarding freethinking.

2. A valid argument is one where :

- (a) Premises are true irrespective of the conclusion.
- (b) Premises as well as conclusion is true.
- (c) At least one of the premises is true.
- (d) None of the above.

3. In a deductive argument :

- (a) Conclusion is contained in the premises.
- (b) There is at least one false premise.
- (c) The premises do not guarantee the truth of the conclusion.
- (d) There is no relation between the premises and the conclusion.

4. What we concerned with in critical reasoning ?

- (a) Inferences.
- (b) Arguments.
- (c) Both inferences and arguments.
- (d) None of the above.

Turn over

- II. 5. Introduction of an irrelevant point to divert the reader's attention from the main argument is a fallacy of the nature of :
- (a) Hasty generalization. (b) Red herring.
(c) Slippery slope. (d) Amphiboly.
6. Emotional appeals tend to be the strongest in :
- (a) Introductions. (b) Conclusions.
(c) Refutations. (d) Theses.
7. What methods do you apply to collect information for your essay ?
- (a) Paraphrasing. (b) Thesis-writing.
(c) Summarizing. (d) Note-making.
8. The key points to be borne in mind when you begin writing an essay include :
- (a) Purpose and focus. (b) Material.
(c) Structure and style. (d) All of the above.
- III. 9. Which of the following is not an indicator word for conclusions ?
- (a) Therefore. (b) Since.
(c) Thus. (d) However.
10. Fill in the blanks :
- Chinua Achebe is ——— African writer.
- (a) an. (b) the
(c) a. (d) none of the above is necessary.
11. "Nehra will not let you down." This sentence means that :
- (a) Nehra will not allow you to come downstairs.
(b) Nehra will not help you.
(c) Nehra will not let you sit on the floor.
(d) Nehra will not disappoint you.
12. Fill in the blanks using the correct preposition :
- I have an account ——— the State Bank of Travancore.
- (a) in. (b) at.
(c) with. (d) from.

- IV. 13. Which among the following, is the correct 'complimentary close' ?
- (a) Your's Truly. (b) Your's Sincerely.
(c) Yours Sincerely. (d) Yours sincerely.
14. In the covering letter for a job, you need not :
- (a) Identify your precise goal. (b) Establish your credentials for the job.
(c) Mention the salary expected. (d) Ask for an interview.
15. A session in a presentation where participants get to know each other is called :
- (a) a house-warming session. (b) an ice-breaker.
(c) brainstorming. (d) a dynamo.
16. A group discussion is meant to find out :
- (a) Your ability to be a team player.
(b) Your ability to perform as a democratic leader.
(c) Your ability to support your point of view.
(d) All of the above.

(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. What are the characteristics of a valid argument ?
18. Define, with examples, the *slippery slope* fallacy in arguments.
19. Write on two cautions that must be adopted while using web resources.
20. What is the significance of *cue-words* in academic essays ?
21. What is an agenda ?
22. Write two guidelines to be followed while filling an application form.
23. What is the basic structure of a presentation ?
24. Write down your ideas regarding two visuals that you could use for a presentation on the impact of global warming in India.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

*Answer any four of the following questions, each in around 100 words.
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

25. How is an inductive argument different from a deductive argument ?
26. What are the things to remember when taking information from electronic sources ?

Turn over

27. Which pieces of information will you include when taking notes ?
28. What is an argumentative essay ?
29. What are the soft skills required for an effective presentation ?
30. Write a 100 word introduction for a presentation on 'Conserving the Environment'.

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any two of the following questions, each in around 300 words.
Each question carries a weight of 4.

31. Write a note on the relationship between conformity and critical thinking.
32. What measures would you adopt to safeguard against plagiarism while writing an academic essay ?
33. Write an essay on 'Visual Aids'.

(2 × 4 = 8)