

B.VOC. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2019**Second Semester**

Common Course : English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A*Answer any ten of the following in a sentence or two.**1 mark each.*

1. ——— your team ahead of mine in the conference ? (form of be).
2. Kate is the only one of the students who ——— (has, have) been concerned about the results of the exam.
3. Sheila injured her elbow ——— (bad, badly) when she fell.
4. The claim that supports the principal claim in an argument is ———.
5. Some boys were helping the wounded man. (Convert into passive voice)
6. We ——— TV last evening. (Use the correct tense form of the word 'watch')
7. You have a longer assignment than (I, me).
8. A ——— is a statement in your own words of the most important points of a piece of writing.
9. ——— last month I have seen him but once. (Preposition).
10. In a presentation for 100 people, you must not use ——— as a visual aid.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Part B*Answer any eight of the following questions in not more than 50 words.**2 marks each.*

11. What is a deductive argument ?
12. What are the characteristics of description ?
13. What is Red herring ?
14. What do we mean by the 'premise of an argument' ?
15. How do we explain 'style' in writing ?
16. What is an icebreaker ?

Turn over

17. Mention any *two* cautions that must be adopted while using web resources.
18. What are some of the benefits of critical thinking ?
19. You are the editor of the college magazine. Prepare a notice to collect articles for the magazine.
20. What is the importance of gesticulations in an interview ?
21. State two cautions that you need to employ while using an overhead projector.
22. What are the soft skills required for an effective presentation ?

(8 × 2 = 16 marks)

Part C

Answer any six of the following questions in not more than 100 words.

4 marks each.

23. How does critical thinking influence you as a reader and as a writer ?
24. What is the relevance of critical thinking in academic context ?
25. How is an inductive argument different from a deductive argument ? Give examples.
26. What is the significance of using cue words in academic writing ?
27. Write a short note on the significance of Visual Aids in presentations ?
28. Write an introduction for a presentation on 'Issues of Waste Management'.
29. Give a suitable conclusion to an essay on 'Public Vigil on anti-corruption in India'.
30. Write a note on documentation.
31. What are some of the dos and don'ts that one should take care of in an interview ?

(6 × 4 = 24 marks)

Part D

Answer any two questions in not more than 400 words.

15 marks each.

32. Describe the major barriers to critical thinking.
33. What measures would you adopt to safeguard against plagiarism while writing an academic essay ?
34. Prepare a job application letter and resume for the post of a Project Manager Trainee in a reputed Company.
35. Prepare minutes of a meeting based on an agenda. The meeting is held by Science Forum for the sake of dealing with issues related to superstitions. You are the secretary of the District Chapter. Prepare both Agenda and Minutes.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)