

UNDER GRADUATE DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2017**Second Semester****Common Course—English****CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION****(2013 Admission onwards)****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 80 Marks****Part A***Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What is a deductive argument ?
2. What is Fallacy of false dichotomy ?
3. What is paraphrasing ?
4. What is a third conditional sentence ?
5. What is a prefix ?
6. What is correlative conjunction ?
7. What is a phrase ?
8. What is the significance of cue-words in academic essays ?
9. Write down two strategies of annotation as a pre-writing exercise.
10. What methods do you apply to collect information for your essays ?

(10 × 1 = 10)**Part B***Answer any eight of the following in a paragraph each.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. What are the barriers to critical thinking ?
12. What is a valid argument ? Give example.

Turn over

13. What is a report ? What are its salient features ?
14. What is the basic structure of a presentation ?
15. What are the don'ts one should take care of in an interview ?
16. What are the steps to prepare for a group discussion ?
17. Write a short note on effective communication skills.
18. What are the hard skills needed for academic presentations ?
19. What are the guidelines for writing description ?
20. What is an abstract ?
21. What is a resume ?
22. What is enclosure notation ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any six of the following in about 100 words each.

Each question carries 4 marks.

23. What are the strategies you adopt for writing a conclusion ?
24. What are the uses of semicolons ?
25. Write a short essay on phrasal verbs.
26. What are prepositions ?
27. What are adverbs ?
28. What are the different types of office correspondence ?
29. What are the important principles of writing an application letter ?
30. What are the strategies for writing an effective introduction ?
31. Write a presentation on the Health Hazards of smoking tobacco.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

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

32. Write an abstract for a research study on alcoholism in rural India.
33. While writing an academic essay, what measures should you adopt to avoid plagiarism?
34. Write an essay on the relationship between conformity and critical thinking.
35. Write an essay on the benefits of critical thinking.

(2 × 15 = 30)