

FIR SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2014

(UG-CCSS)

Common Course

A 02 – CRITICAL REASONING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2011 and earlier Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. A. Answer the following bunches of questions as directed

1. Pick out the wrongly spelt word

- (a) Addict.** **(b) Edict.**
(c) Audit. **(d) None of these.**

2. Which of the following is the purpose of writing?

- (a) **Express.** (b) **Persuade.**
(c) **Inform.** (d) **All these.**

3. Not going beyond one's own perspective is

- (a) **Egocentrism.** (b) **Critical thinking.**
(c) **Accuracy.** (d) **Clarity.**

4. Which is/are related to sequencing of arguments?

- (a) **Statement of fact.** (b) **Confirmation.**
(c) **Refutation.** (d) **All these.**

B. 5. Which of the following is the definite determiner?

- (a) **A.** (b) **An.**
(c) **The.** (d) **None of these.**

6. Identify the verb used for a cautious style

- (a) Suggest.
- (b) Might.
- (c) Perhaps.
- (d) None of these.

7. What divides the figures in: M K Gandhi (1869-1948)?
- (a) Hyphen. (b) Em dash.
(c) En dash. (d) None of these.
8. My friend can speak
- (a) The Frenchise. (b) Korean.
(c) Brazilese. (d) None of these.
9. 'Employer' is an example for
- (a) Verb. (b) Prefix.
(c) Suffix. (d) None of these.
10. Which is the indicator word for introduction?
- (a) So. (b) To begin with.
(c) Always. (d) None of these.
11. Which of the following stands for fallacy?
- (a) Complex question. (b) Ambiguity.
(c) Amphiboly. (d) All these.
12. Identify the fallacy :Look who is talking.
- (a) Red Herring. (b) Hasty generalization.
(c) Tu, quoque. (d) None of these.

(12 x $\frac{1}{4}$ = 3 weightage)

II. Answer in a sentence *or* two all the *nine* questions

13. What is a direct quote?
14. Use the word 'plastic' as a noun and an adjective.
15. What is a prefix?
16. Jane Austen is an English woman writer: Is this an opinion or a fact?
17. Write the passive for : He is reading a book.
18. What is preview reading?
19. What are the advantages of annotating a text while reading?
20. What is summarizing?
21. What do you mean by barriers to critical thinking?

(9 x 1= 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* questions out of seven in a *paragraph* each

22. Paraphrasing.

23. Uncountable nouns.

24. Recording the source of electronic resources.

25. Argument,

26. Use of articles 'a' and 'an'.

27. Form of a Formal letter.

28. Past tense.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* out of the three given in about 200 words each

29. Write an essay describing an unforgettable experience you had during school life.

30. Benefits of critical thinking.

31. Use of visual and other kinds of aids in an effective presentation.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)