

**FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./AFSAL-UL-ULAMA DEGREE
EXAMINATION, MARCH 2012**

(C.C.S.S.)

Part I English (Common Course)

A 02—CRITICAL REASONING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the following

1 Examine the following argument and choose the right name for this kind of arguments

- (i) Most children of working mothers are stubborn.
- (ii) Jasmine is the child of a working mother. So, Jasmine is stubborn.

The above is a

- (a) Statistical inductive argument.
- (b) Inductive argument with a singular conclusion.
- (c) Inductive analogy.
- (d) None of the above.

2 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.

3 A valid argument is one where

- (a) Premises are true irrespective of the nature 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.

4 Which of the following is not a feature of effective thesis ?

- (a) It states the subject of the essay clearly.
- (b) It includes a controlling idea about the subject.
- (c) It makes an emotional appeal.
- (d) It establishes a tone that is appropriate for the subject and the intended audience.

(B) 5 Which of the following is not an indicator word for conclusions ?

- (a) Therefore.
- (b) This.
- (c) Since.
- (d) However.

6 Choose the correct sentences

- (a) One of the reasons to live in Ooty is its weather.
- (b) One of the reason to live in Ooty is its weather.
- (c) One of the reasons to live in Ooty is the weather.
- (d) One of the reason to live in Ooty is its weather.

7 Raman and Silas _____ good friends. Both of them _____ mangoes but neither of them _____ apricots.

- (a) is, like, enjoys.
- (b) are, like, enjoys.
- (c) is, likes, enjoy.
- (d) are, likes, enjoy.

8 If you had listened to the instructions, _____ (complete the sentence).

- (a) You would not lose the way.
- (b) You could not lose the way.
- (c) You would not have lost the way.
- (d) You had not lose the way.

(C) 9 In a letter, words such as "Dean Mr. Das," are called a/an _____ .

- (a) Greeting.
- (b) Introduction.
- (c) Address.
- (d) Salutation.

10 In the covering letter for a job you need not

- (a) Identify your exact goal.
- (b) Establish your credentials for the job.
- (c) Mention salary expected.
- (d) Ask for an interview.

11 A group discussion is meant to find out

- (a) Your. ability to be a team player.
- (b) Your ability to lead in a democratic environment.
- (c) Your ability to support your argument.
- (d) All of the above.

12 Which of the following is not an essential element of your presentation ?

- (a) Repetition.
- (b) Summary.
- (c) Handouts for the audience.
- (d) Stories and anecdotes.

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

IL Answer all questions in a sentence **or** two :

13 What are the characteristics of a valid argument ?

14 Define with example the "slippery slope" fallacy in arguments.

15 A person with good critical thinking skills will _____

16 Define documentation.

17 What is a "topic sentence" ?

18 What is the importance of an application letter ?

19 Name the appropriate medium to be used in a presentation.

20 What is an icebreaking session ?

21 What is the punctuation used to end statements

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* of the following questions each in a paragraph

22 How is an inductive argument different from a deductive argument ? Give example.

23 How does critical thinking benefit you as a student ?

24 What are the points to be remembered when writing Curriculum Vitae ?

25 What are the strategies for active reading ?

26 Write a letter to the editor of "The Hindu" about the pot holes in the major roads.

27 Describe the soft skills required for an effective presentation.

28 Elaborate the role of "precision" in critical thinking.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words

29 Discuss the benefits of and the barriers to critical thinking.

30 Write a narrative essay about your visit to a place of worship.

31 Describe the visual aids you could use in a presentation. How do they help the presentation ?

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)