

8 In the sentence "Jack and John are friends", the conjunction connects :

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- (a) Nouns. (b) Prepositions.
(c) Verbs. (d) Noun phrase.

C. 9 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.

10 In reports, the table of content comes :

- (a) After the acknowledgement and abstract.
(b) After the list of abbreviations.
(c) Before the acknowledgement.
(d) After the acknowledgement and before the abstract.

11 A session in a presentation where participants get to know each other is called :

- (a) A house-warming session. (b) An icebreaker.
(c) Dynamism. (d) Brain storming.

12 Which presentation strategy is best suited for academic researchers ?

- (a) Work shops with audio-visual aids. (b) Power Point Presentation.
(c) Video Presentation. (d) Questionnaires.

(12 × ¼ = 3)

II. Answer *all* questions in a sentence *or* two :

13 What is meant by "fear of free thinking" ? How is it a barrier to critical reasoning ?

14 What is meant by "premise of an argument" ?

15 What is the significance of cue-words in academic essays ?

16 Write two cautions that must be adopted while using web resources.

17 The need for "precision" in critical thinking.

18 Write two guidelines to be followed while creating a form questionnaire.

19 What is the pattern followed in a presentation ?

20 Name the different types of visual aids.

21 What is the importance of a covering letter ?

(9 x 1 = 9)

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

22 Describe the fallacy of Ambiguity.

23 Explain the five parts of discourse in sequencing the argument.

24 What are the major source-based materials in academic writing ? Discuss.

25 What do you understand by argumentative essays ?

26 Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the need for improved facilities for tourists.

27 Describe the importance of non-verbal communication.

28 The importance of Time Management.

(5 x = 10)

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

29 What are the benefits of critical thinking ?

30 Write a narrative essay about an accident that you happened to witness.

31 Discuss the techniques of effective presentation.

(2 x 4 = 8)

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A02—CRITICAL REASONING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weightage **30**

Answer all questions.

I. Choose the correct answer from the following

A. 1 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 content of the conclusion.
- (d) There is no relation between the premises and the conclusion.

2 Arguments in geometry are examples of

- (a) Deductive reasoning.
- (b) Inductive reasoning.
- (c) Inductive analogy.
- (d) Critical reasoning.

3 Which of the following can help in developing critical thinking abilities ?

- (a) Meditation.
- (b) Criticizing.
- (c) Have a questioning attitude.
- (d) Reading books on philosophy..

4 Which among the following can be the most authentic source of information for academic topics ?

- (a) Journals.
- (b) Internet.
- (c) Magazines.
- (d) Surveys.

B. 5 Whenever you use matter from another source, you should

- (a) Paraphrase to avoid plagiarism.
- (b) Acknowledge the source.
- (c) Both.
- (d) None of the above.

6 My sister-in-law works for--European company. She really likes—work culture there.

- (a) a, a.
- (b) an, a.
- (c) an, the.
- (d) a, the.

7 "You take after your grandmother." This sentence means that

- (a) You provide care to your grandmother.
- (b) You obey what your grandmother commands.
- (c) You look like your grandmother.
- (d) You follow your grandmother everywhere.