

B. A. /B. Sc. /B. Com. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – MARCH 2020**SEMESTER - 2: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)****COURSE: 15U2CCENG3: CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION***(Common for Improvement 2018/ Supplementary 2018/ 2017/2016 /2015/2014 Admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 75

PART A*Answer **all** questions. Each question carries **1** mark.*

1. What is a valid argument?
2. What are parallel sentence structures?
3. What is a thesis statement?
4. What is proofreading?
5. Fill in the blanks by applying the correct modal and the appropriate form of the verb given in the bracket.
Mary's mother certainly (disapprove) of the amount of make-up she was wearing.
6. How does a conjunction function as a word connector? Give an example.
7. What is the common abbreviation that is used to indicate the referred page number and a few pages ahead?
8. What is a complementary close?
9. Where should the table of contents be presented while writing a report?
10. Complete the sentence using the clue given in the bracket:
If you had listened to the instructions, (not lose the way). (1 x 10 = 10)

PART B*Answer **any eight** of the following, each in two **or** three sentences.**Each question carries **2** marks.*

11. How is an inductive argument different from a deductive argument?
12. Convert the following into passive voice:
 - i. When I was young my aunt and uncle looked after me.
 - ii. Sandra let out a scream and she collapsed on to the floor.
13. Define with example slippery slope fallacy in arguments.
14. What are cue-words? Give 3 cue-words that signal some change in what has been said before.
15. Why is moralizing considered detrimental while writing essays?
16. What are the different stages of an interview?
17. Explain the restrictive and continuative cases of a conjunctive pronoun.

18. Correct the following sentences in case there are any mistakes:
- Women's gymnastics are no longer dominated by eastern Europeans.
 - The latest news of earthquake survivors are very disturbing.
 - Neither Preethi nor Kamal are going to school.
 - Statistics are now compulsory for all students taking a course in engineering.

19. Complete the following sentences using the correct prepositions:

- They cycled America from the Pacific to the Atlantic.
- He stood all his friends in the room and felt very happy.
- We often go walking the weekend.
- I arrived New Street Station at 7.30.

20. What are flip charts?

(2 x 8 = 16)

PART C

Answer **any five** of the following in about **100** words each.

Each question carries **5** marks.

- Discuss the main points that should be kept in mind while preparing your resume.
- You want to sell a scooter. Write a notice for your college notice board.
- Explain comparison/contrast as a fundamental pattern of essay development.
- Write a note on the appropriate media for paper presentation.
- What are the common reasons for a candidate's failure in a group discussion?
- Write a letter to the editor on the topic "Spreading garbage in and around your locality".
- Prepare a covering letter and resume applying for the post of HR Manager in a reputed news channel

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words.

Each question carries **12** marks.

- Present a group discussion among five members on the topic "use and abuse of mobile phones".
- Write an essay on alcoholism in rural India.
- While writing an academic essay, what measures should you adopt to avoid plagiarism?
- What are the different steps to make your communication effective?

(12 x 2 = 24)
