

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH/APRIL 2019**SEMESTER - 2: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)****COURSE: 15U2CCENG3: CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION***(Common for Regular 2018 / Supplementary/Improvement 2017/ 2016/2015 & 2014 Admission)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

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

1. What is an unqualified generalization?
2. Define in-text citation.
3. What kind of reasoning do arguments in geometry form an example to?
4. What is the best way to begin a persuasive presentation where you are arguing a debatable topic?
5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket:
Fifteen minutes (be) allowed to each speaker.
6. Define minutes.
7. What are the hard skills for an effective presentation?
8. What are the major concerns in critical reasoning?
9. Convert into passive voice:
A stone struck me on the head.
10. Use the phrasal verb *pull over* in a sentence. (1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. What is an invalid argument?
12. What is the role of speech mannerisms in an interview?
13. What are the different strategies to increase the clarity of a presentation?
14. Note down the qualities of an essay that develops in a cause/effect pattern?
15. What is an inferential comprehension?
16. How is a group discussion different from a debate?
17. Correct tense inconsistencies, if any.
The girl who stands first in class was also the best athlete in college. She did not waste her time and is always doing something constructive. Her brother will be the exact opposite. He did not seem to have any goal in life. One felt sorry for him.
18. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns:
 - i. He does his best shall be praised.
 - ii. She has gone to Chennai is her birthplace.
 - iii. do you believe him to be?
 - iv. He is a man you can trust.

19. Choose the correct alternative:
- I don't think I (shall, should, can) be able to go.
 - You (should, would, ought) be punctual.
 - (Shall, Might, Could) you show me the way to the station?
 - (Should, Would, Shall) you like another cup of coffee.
20. Correct the incorrect subject-verb agreement, if any.
- Either of the books are interesting.
 - The committee was divided on the issue of new syllabus.
 - She is the girl who come first every year.
 - The data were not collected in a single day.
- (2 x 8 = 16)

PART-C

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

*Each question carries **5** marks.*

- While selecting arguments in a critical thinking essay, what are the two basic concerns that your audience might need you to address?
 - How can you hook your audience while writing an introduction to your essay?
 - What is a descriptive essay? What are its characteristics?
 - What are the different functions of conjunctions? Illustrate with examples.
 - Write a covering letter for the application for the post of an Assistant Marketing Manager.
 - You are the president of the dramatic club of your college. Write a notice for the audition of a play to be staged two months from the present date.
 - Write a resume for applying to work as a management trainee.
- (5 x 5 = 25)

PART-D

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

*Each question carries **12** marks.*

- Elucidate the different strategies that can be adopted to be successful in a group discussion.
 - Write an essay comparing two films of a certain type that you have seen recently by evaluating each.
 - Elaborate on the process of research in academic writing.
 - Write in detail on informal fallacy and the different types of informal fallacies.
- (12 x 2 = 24)
