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UNDER GRADUATE DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

Second Semester

Common Course—English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

Answer the following questions in two **or** *three sentences each.*
Each question carries 1 *mark.*

1. What is a deductive argument ?
2. What is Fallacy of false dichotomy ?
3. What is paraphrasing ?
4. What is a third conditional sentence ?
5. What is a prefix ?
6. What is correlative conjunction ?
7. What is a phrase ?
8. What is the significance of cue-words in academic essays ?
9. Write down two strategies of annotation as a pre-writing exercise.
10. What methods do you apply to collect information for your essays ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any **eight** *of the following in* **a paragraph** *each.*
Each question carries 2 *marks.*

11. What are the barriers to critical thinking ?
12. What is a valid argument ? Give example.

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13. What is a report ? What are its salient features ?
14. What is the basic structure of a presentation ?
15. What are the don'ts one should take care of in an interview ?
16. What are the steps to prepare for a group discussion ?
17. Write a short note on effective communication skills.
18. What are the hard skills needed for academic presentations ?
19. What are the guidelines for writing description ?
20. What is an abstract ?
21. What is a resume ?
22. What is enclosure notation ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any **six** *of the following in about* 100 *words each.*
Each question carries 4 *marks.*

23. What are the strategies you adopt for writing a conclusion ?
24. What are the uses of semicolons ?
25. Write a short essay on phrasal verbs.
26. What are prepositions ?
27. What are adverbs ?
28. What are the different types of office correspondence ?
29. What are the important principles of writing an application letter ?
30. What are the strategies for writing an effective introduction ?
31. Write a presentation on the Health Hazards of smoking tobacco.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any **two** *of the following in about* 300 *words each.*
Each question carries 15 *marks.*

32. Write an abstract for a research study on alcoholism in rural India.

33. While writing an academic essay, what measures should you adopt to avoid plagiarism ?

34. Write an essay on the relationship between conformity and critical thinking.

35. Write an essay on the benefits of critical thinking.

$(2 \times 15 = 30)$