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UNDERGRADUATE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

Second Semester

Common Course—English

CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2013—2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

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

1. What are the academic benefits of critical thinking ?
2. What is irrelevant conclusion ?
3. What is the use of an endash ?
4. What is definite article ?
5. What is second conditional sentence ?
6. What is co-ordinating conjunction ?
7. What is Trimming ?
8. What is 'appeal to tradition' in arguments ?
9. What is syntactic ambiguity ?
10. When does an argument 'beg the question' ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any **eight** *of the following each in about* 50 *words.*
Each question carries 2 *marks.*

11. How does social brain washing become a barrier to free critical thinking ?
12. What are the questions you keep in mind when looking at books for your research ?
13. What are the various electronic sources that help us in data collection ?
14. Define 'style' in the process of writing.
15. What are the distinct parts of an essay ? Explain.
16. What are the differences between regular and irregular verbs ?

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17. What are the significant details that adverbs provide ?
18. How can conjunction be used as sentence connectors ? Give examples.
19. What are the various types of abbreviations ? Give examples.
20. What are the points to be kept in mind while mailing a letter ?
21. Write the guidelines for writing cause / effect essay.
22. How will you overcome nervousness before a presentation ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

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

23. What are the strategies for writing conclusions ? Discuss.
24. What are the subject verb agreeing rules ? Discuss.
25. What are the various functions of relative pronouns ?
26. What are the abbreviations common to academic writing ?
27. What is the structure of a project report ?
28. Decide on a historical figure of special interest to you. Write an essay exploring details related to this historical figure.
29. What is 'Wordiness' in your writing ? How will you eliminate it ?
30. What are the rules that you should keep in mind during the documentation of your research paper ?
31. Write an essay developing the differences or similarities of two people you know well.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

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

32. Write a Group Discussion on the topic 'The Natural Calamities in Kerala'. Suppose there are four participants.
33. Write an essay on the various punctuation marks. What are their uses ?
34. Write a presentation on the 'Problems of Film Industry in Malayalam'.
35. Write an interview to be conducted for the post of 'resident tutor' in an educational institution. Suppose there are four members in the board.

(2 × 15 = 30)