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**ENGLISH (Common) (Course – I)**

**1A01 ENG : Critical Reasoning and Academic Presentation Skills**

Time: 3 Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 1) What are the major benefits of critical thinking ?
- 2) Explain the importance of accuracy in critical thinking and list the impediments to thinking accurately. **(Wightage : 4)**

II. Attempt an essay on **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 3) Women empowerment
- 4) Rising incidents of terrorism
- 5) Football fever. **(Weightage : 4)**

III. Answer **any six** of the following, **each** in **80-100** words :

- 6) What are the strategies for revising an essay ?
- 7) You wish to apply for the post of office assistant in a travel agency. Prepare the resume.
- 8) What are the features of a good text of a seminar paper ?
- 9) The uses and advantages of visual aids in communication.

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- 10) Non-verbal communication techniques.
- 11) Share your first year college experience with a school friend through a letter.
- 12) You are to interview your principal for the college magazine. Prepare a questionnaire.
- 13) Prepare a summary of the passage given below :

Darwin had planned to put in book form his discoveries. He spent some 20 years on every known fact concerning the problems of the species. In 1859 Darwin published the book he had planned for so many years. It was called "The origin of species" Never has a scientist caused so much stir in the world as Darwin did with that book. His ideas, the result of so many years of patient thinking and study were attacked by intellects and ordinary people alike. People called him mad ; a deceiver and an anti-Christian. Long and bitter disagreements arose in the open, most religious people of that time attacked and accused him of trying to destroy religion and morals totally, through Darwin of course had so such goal in mind. (Weightage : 6×2=12)

IV. Fill in the blanks making choice from the alternatives given against each :

- 14) The Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ (in, at, from, for) the very early times \_\_\_\_\_ (is, are, were, was) fastidious \_\_\_\_\_ (for, about, of, on) keeping written records. Thus \_\_\_\_\_ (a, an, the, this) documented history to China extends continuously to nearly 1600 B.C. to the times of the Shang dynasty.
- 15) The empires came into existence with Wa Wang \_\_\_\_\_ (which, who, while, when) killed the last of the Shangs \_\_\_\_\_ (then, after, and, but) established the Chou dynasty. During \_\_\_\_\_ (whose, his, which) tenure books on history were \_\_\_\_\_ (consider, considered) subversive. (Weightage : 2×2=4)



V. Answer :

16) A) Pick out the correctly spelt word :

- a) apostrophe
- b) appostrophe
- c) appostrophy
- d) apostrophi

B) Which of the following sentence is gravimetrically correct ?

- a) we have invited the whole class, and also the teacher
- b) we have invited the whole class and the teacher also
- c) we have invited also whole class and the teacher
- d) we have invited the whole class, also the teacher

C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate nationality word :

- a) Argentinan
- b) Argentine
- c) Argentinian
- d) Argentite

D) Fill in the blanks using the correct articles :

\_\_\_\_\_ new technology offers many \_\_\_\_\_ advantage.  
If often unfolds \_\_\_\_\_ marvellous new world to \_\_\_\_\_  
curious.

17) A) In which sentence do you find the time phrase used correctly

- a) The library is open
- b) The library is currently open
- c) The library is open during the present
- d) The library opens



- B) FIFA is an example of
- a) shortened word
  - b) acronym
  - c) abbreviation
  - d) initialism
- C) The adjective of the word object is
- a) objectivity
  - b) objection
  - c) objective
  - d) objectivism
- D) Italics is shown by underlining when \_\_\_\_\_
- a) the Italics font is not available
  - b) you are using an electronic typewriter
  - c) you want to show emphasis
  - d) the italics font is available
- 18) A) Which sentence has used the numerals correctly ?
- a) 175 participants and 352 well-wishers were in the hall
  - b) One hundred seventy five participants and 352 well-wishers were in the hall
  - c) 175 participants and three hundred one fifty two well-wishers were in the hall
  - d) One, seven, five participants and three, five, two well-wishers were in the hall
- B) Which of the following words does not show similarity ?
- a) like wise
  - b) similar
  - c) contrasting
  - d) comparable



C) Rahim is a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

Fill in the blank using the appropriate word

- a) quite
- b) quiet
- c) quit
- d) quoit

D) Which of the following is a compound sentence ?

- a) I would like to go home
- b) I am not feeling well, and I would like to go home
- c) I am not feeling well ; I would like to go home
- d) As I am not feeling well, I would like to go home

(Weightage : 3×1=3)

VI. Attempt the **three** bunches of **four** questions **each**. Choosing the correct answer from the options given :

19) A) Accuracy in critical thinking refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- a) being true to facts
- b) being careful
- c) being selective
- d) being clear

B) Which of the following is not a barrier to critical thinking ?

- a) ego-centrism
- b) social brain washing
- c) reflection
- d) personal prejudices

C) Which of the following is not a benefit of critical thinking ?

- a) become rational
- b) learn to be fair
- c) extremism
- d) analytical mind



- D) An argument persuades by giving \_\_\_\_\_
- a) good reasons
  - b) good results
  - c) emotional explanations
  - d) personal appeal
- 20) A) The Octopus Paul's predictions on the outcome of World Cup Matches were prompted by \_\_\_\_\_
- a) critical thinking
  - b) deductive logic
  - c) inductive logic
  - d) none of these
- B) Von Restorff effect refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- a) passionate presentation
  - b) direct and sharp beginning
  - c) stating a surprising fact in the opening line
  - d) silvering the opponents
- C) Which one of the following is not a type of persuasive discourse ?
- a) deliberative
  - b) forensic
  - c) ceremonial
  - d) critical
- D) In a presentation your pace should be ideally around \_\_\_\_\_
- a) 10 – 20 words per minute
  - b) 30 – 40
  - c) 150 – 160
  - d) 90 – 100



21) A) The event A occurred before the event B. Therefore A is the cause of B. This is an example of

- a) post hoc fallacy
- b) red herring
- c) slippery slope
- d) complex question

B) One of the following is not helpful strategy for solving problems. Identify it.

- a) study the problems thoroughly
- b) set a time limit for discussions
- c) let all the concerned express their views
- d) allow your emotions to prevail

C) Critical thinking teaches you to form opinions on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) evidence
- b) gut feeling
- c) words of elders
- d) scriptures

D) An ice-breaking session is intended to \_\_\_\_\_

- a) make the arguments sound
- b) make an effective conclusion
- c) make things more simple
- d) establish a rapport with the audience

(Weightage : 3×1=3)

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