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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH

1A01 ENG : Critical Reasoning and Academic Presentation Skills  
(2013 and Earlier Admn.)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

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

1) What are the barriers to critical thinking ?

2) Discuss about fallacies.

(Weightage : 4)

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

3) Food habits among the youth.

4) Value based education.

5) New trends in Malayalam Cinema.

(Weightage : 4)

III. Answer **any six** of the questions given in **80-100** words **each**.

6) You are a fresh graduate. Apply for the post of marketing manager in a publishing firm, as a response to their advertisement in a national daily. Prepare your Resume.

7) You are the secretary of the Arts Club in your college. Prepare a report of the Arts Test held in your college.

8) Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily about the increasing violence against women in public places.

9) Prepare an advertisement for the print media. The product is a newly developed mobile phone.

10) Prepare five questions for an interview with the Chief Justice of India.

11) How do we use visual aids effectively ?



12) Write a summary of the following passage :

Watching my grand mother in action and trying my best to match her appetite, I glibly remarked that if she kept ignoring the words of wisdom of the health gurus and diet experts, she would die young. This may sound like a cruel thing for a grandson to have said to his grand mother, but the fact that she was in her ninety-ninth year at the time of the meal in question, helps to put my remark into perspective.

13) Prepare notes on the following passage. An editorial is an opinion piece written by the senior editorial staff or publisher of a newspaper or magazine. Usually unsigned, editorials are supposed to reflect the opinion of the periodical. A newspaper editorial, unlike other forms of newspaper writing, permits the use of the first person and also the expression of the opinion of the Editorial Board on the publisher unambiguously and unveiled. Sometimes Editorials are written to mobilize public opinion.

**(Weightage : 6x2=12)**

IV. Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate options from the bracket :

14) Many studies \_\_\_\_\_ (confirms/confirm) that \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an) alarming nutritional crisis \_\_\_\_\_ (stalk/stalks) the lives \_\_\_\_\_ (of/for) millions.

15) Millions \_\_\_\_\_ (of/for) men, women and children \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at) India. How will India \_\_\_\_\_ (meet/meets) this demand \_\_\_\_\_ (of/for) food ?

**(Weightage : 2x2=4)**

V. Answer the three bunches of **four** questions **each** as directed :

16) A) Piere is from France. He can speak \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) Franchise      b) Francese      c) French      d) None

B) Pick the uncountable noun.  
 a) shirt      b) sugar      c) car      d) village

C) Pick the irregular verb.  
 a) walked      b) discussed      c) gone      d) doubted

D) The abbreviation for 'for example'.  
 a) eg.      b) e.g.      c) Eg      d) Eg.

17) A) He entered the room \_\_\_\_\_ and sat in the corner.  
 a) quiet      b) quite      c) quietly      d) quick

B) His father is \_\_\_\_\_ IAS officer in Patna.  
 a) a      b) an      c) the      d) none



- C) Identify the coordinating conjunction.  
a) for                      b) when                      c) if                      d) either/or
- D) You \_\_\_\_\_ called yesterday as you had promised you would.  
a) have                      b) ought to have                      c) ought have                      d) none
- 18) A) I am \_\_\_\_\_ my students.  
a) disappointed at                      b) disappointed of  
c) disappointed with                      d) disappointed
- B) My father has great affection \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
a) with                      b) for                      c) by                      d) of
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities are scarce in India.  
a) employ                      b) employment                      c) employing                      d) none
- D) The research will be \_\_\_\_\_ in three phases.  
a) carry out                      b) carried out                      c) carry on                      d) carried on

**(Weightage : 3x1=3)**

VI. Choose the correct answer from the options given for the following questions :

- 19) A) Formal audience.  
a) secondary audience                      b) primary audience  
c) both                      d) none
- B) When addressing a global audience, medium can be  
a) handouts                      b) workshop activities  
c) video presentation                      d) none
- C) Which of the following is not a visual aid ?  
a) Flip chart                      b) Black board                      c) Book                      d) Powerpoint
- D) For closing a presentation  
a) appeal for action                      b) using anecdotes  
c) challenge a popular notion                      d) use interesting statistics
- 20) A) Source-based material can not be found in \_\_\_\_\_  
a) interviews                      b) gossips  
c) print sources                      d) electronic sources



- B) Three ways to take notes-find the odd one out ?  
a) summary      b) paraphrase      c) direct quotes      d) speech
- C) When fallacy of equivocation results from lexical ambiguity ?  
a) equivocation      b) amphiboly  
c) straw man fallacy      d) red herring fallacy
- D) Which of the following is not a part of discourse ?  
a) introduction      b) interrogation      c) confirmation      d) refutation
- 21) A) Critical thinking skills : find the odd one out  
a) seeking truth      b) asking questions  
c) solving problems      d) being emotional
- B) 'Caesar was not ambitious because he had refused the crown thrice'.  
a) deliberative persuasive discourse  
b) forensic persuasive discourse  
c) ceremonial persuasive discourse  
d) none
- C) General layout of a final draft.  
a) manuscript format      b) first draft  
c) final format      d) none
- D) For effective conclusions, while writing an essay  
a) establish a tone      b) definition  
c) offer closure      d) none
- (Weightage : 3×1=3)**