FIRST SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2013

(CCSS)

English—Common Course

A 02—CRITICAL REASONING, WRITING AND PRESENTATION

(2009 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours   Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. A. Answer the following bunches of questions as directed :

1. Pick out the correctly spelt word :

   (a) Assesses.   (b) Asseses.

   (c) Assesess.   (d) Asessess.

2. Identify the adverb :

   (a) Run.   (b) See.

   (c) Hard.   (d) Move.

3. GDP is :

   (a) Gross Domestic Product.

   (b) Government Dairy Project.

   (c) Government Development Project.

   (d) Gross Development Plan.

4. Identify the uncountable noun :

   (a) Oil.   (b) Bat.

   (c) Tree.   (d) None of these.

B. 5. Is there ———— university nearby ?

   (a) a.   (b) an.

   (c) the.   (d) None of these.

6. Identify the verb used for a cautious style :

   (a) Tend.   (b) Might.

   (c) Perhaps.   (d) None of these.

7. Conjunctions are :

   (a) Word connectors.   (b) Phrase connectors.

   (c) Sentence connectors.   (d) All these.

8. He can speak ————.

   (a) The French.   (b) French.

   (c) A French.   (d) None of these.

C. 9. Which of the following is an indicator word for premises ?

    (a) Post hoc.   (b) Given that.

    (c) Complex question.   (d) Therefore.

10. Which is the indicator word for conclusion ?

    (a) So.   (b) To begin with.

    (c) Always.   (d) None of these.

11. Which of the following is the name of a fallacy ?

    (a) Deductive.   (b) Inductive.

    (c) Amphiboly.   (d) None of these.

12. Identify the fallacy : Rivers dried up. Then it rained. So it will rain when rivers dry up.

    (a) Red Herring.   (b) Hasty generalization.

    (c) Slippery slop.   (d) None of these.

(3 × 1 = 3 weightage)

II. Answer in a sentence *or* two all the *nine* questions :

13. What is Divine fallacy ?

14. Who is a critical thinker ?

15. What is accuracy in critical thinking ?

16. **Jane Austen is the best English woman writer** : Is this an opinion or a fact ?

17. What is academic writing ?

18. What is preview reading ?

19. What is meant by annotating the text ?

20. What is paraphrasing ?

21. Define wordiness.

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* questions out of 7 in a paragraph each :

22. Summary writing.

23. Print resources.

24. Cue words for a change in time and comparison.

25. Points to remember when writing conclusions.

26. Use of Apostrophe.

27. Use of tables and charts.

28. Ellipsis.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* out of the three given in about 200 words :

29. Write a letter to the Minister for Education highlighting the problems of college studies.

30. Discuss the various resources available for academic writing.

31. What are the steps to be taken for an effective presentation ?

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)