

B.VOC DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2018
(2017 Admission Regular & 2016 Admission Supplementary/Improvement)
SEMESTER II – COMMON COURSE (ENGLISH)
VSD2A02TB - CRITICAL THINKING, ACADEMIC WRITING AND
PRESENTATION SKILLS
(For B. Voc Software Development)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A

I. Answer all the following questions. Each question carries 1 mark

1. What is definite article?
2. Make a sentence with the phrasal verb, 'count on'.
3. He is engrossed..... studying. a) at b) with c) of d) in
4. Shespeak French when she was a child, but now she has forgotten it. (Use a model verb expressing ability)
5. What are coordinating conjunctions? Give suitable examples.
6. "If we all travel together, we will save some money." is a ----- conditional sentence.
a) zero b) first c) second d) third
7. You..... work hard to succeed in life. (Fill in with suitable modals.)
8. Hitler was a veggie lover so I don't trust Vegans. (Identify the correct fallacy used in the sentence)
9. The book is a gift from my friend. It is lying on the table. (Combine the sentences using relative pronoun)
10. Both contestants answered the question simultaneously. (Change the voice of the sentence).

(10x1 = 10)

PART B

II. Answer any eight of the following each in two or three sentences. Each question carries 2 marks

11. What is critical thinking?
12. Define plagiarism.
13. What is the significance of cue words in an essay?
14. Define precision.
15. What do you mean by documentation?
16. What are the four main characteristics of a thesis?
17. What is the premise of an argument?
18. List two guidelines to be followed while filling in an application form.
19. What is a summary?
20. Define with example the slippery slope fallacy in arguments.
21. What is a group discussion?
22. Why is punctuation important in proof reading?

(8x2 = 16)

PART C

III. Answer in a short paragraph of about 100 words on any *six* of the following. Each question carries 4 marks

23. Differentiate between inductive and deductive arguments with examples.
24. What is a notice? Write a notice to inform the students about a free health checkup camp in the college.
25. What are the effective tips to be kept in mind while writing an email?
26. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about environmental degradation in the city.
27. What are the things to remember when taking information from print and electronic sources?
28. Write an abstract for a research study on lack of education in rural India.
29. What are the required soft skills for an effective presentation?
30. Write an introduction for a presentation on the 'Importance of English Language in Communication.'
31. What is the fallacy of amphiboly?

(6x4 = 24)

PART D

IV. Answer any two of the following. Each question carries 15 marks

32. Describe the barriers to critical thinking.
33. What are the techniques to be used to hook the audience with a catchy introduction in an essay?
34. Write an abstract for a research study on 'Being Positive.'
35. Discuss the effective ways of using various visual aids in a presentation.

(2x15 = 30)