

2018

CBCS

1st Semester

ENGLISH

PAPER—GE1T

(Honours)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Academic Writing and Composition

1. Answer any two questions : 2×10

- (a) Compare and contrast the four main types of writing. Which is the kind of writing most frequently used while writing for academic purposes and why?
- (b) Discuss the importance of critical thinking in academic writing with special emphasis on the skill of 'evaluation'.

(Turn Over)

(c) Write a Summary of the following passage.

Great men of science, literature and art have belonged to no exclusive class or rank in life. They have come alike from colleges, workshops and farmhouses—from the huts of poor men and the mansions of the rich. Some of God's greatest prophets have come from the ranks. The poorest have sometimes taken the highest place, nor have difficulties apparently the most insuperable proved obstacles in their way. Those very difficulties in many instances would seem to have been their best helpers by rousing their powers of labour and endurance. The instances of obstacles thus overcome and triumphs thus achieved are indeed so numerous as to justify the proverb, "with will one can do everything."

(d) Edit and proof read the following passage and then rewrite it, incorporating all the corrections :

One type of explanation for the rising divorce has focused on changes in laws relating to marriage. Many peoples argue that increased rates of divorce do not necessarily indicate that families are now more unstable. they claim, that there has always been a degree of marital instability. They suggests that changes in the law have been significant, because they have provided unhappily married couples with 'access to a legal solution to pre-existent marital

problems' (Bilton *et. al.* He believe that changes in divorce rates can be best explained in terms of changes in the legal system. The problem with this type of explanation however is that it does not consider why these laws have changed in the first places. It could be argued that reform to family law, as well as the increased rate of divorce that has accompanied them, are products of more fundamental changes in society.

2. Answer any *four* questions :

4x5

- (a) Define academic writing and discuss its relationship with research.
- (b) Explain the importance of style, tone and language conventions in academic writing.
- (c) Compare and contrast the skill of synthesis and analysis in academic writing.
- (d) How do you write a book review ?
- (e) What is the purpose of citation in academic writing ?
- (f) How do you write a simple conclusion ?

3. Answer any *ten* questions :

10×2

- (a) What are the different types of academic writing?
- (b) What are the different types of text structure?
- (c) What is the structure of academic writing?
- (d) What are four main types of paragraph?
- (e) How does academic writing differ from other forms of writing?
- (f) What are the five basic elements of a paragraph?
- (g) What are the main features of academic writing?
- (h) How do you write a good introduction for a research paper?
- (i) What is pre-writing?
- (j) Why is an outline essential to any type of writing?
- (k) What are the purposes of academic writing?
- (l) Why is it important to brainstorm?
- (m) What is concept note?
- (n) What should be avoided in formal writing?
- (o) What are the four types of research methodology?