

2022
B.A./B.Sc.
First Semester
GENERIC ELECTIVE – 1
ENGLISH
Course Code: ENG 1.11
(Academic Writing & Composition)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer the following questions.

UNIT-I

1. Write an essay on the given topic: “Environment Conservation”
(The following points are to be taken into account – thesis statement, paragraphs, topic sentences, supporting details, and transition signals.) 10
2. Correct the following sentences: 1×4=4
 - (a) Many companies, such as Toyota, Mitsubishi, etc. use JIT.
 - (b) Further, the administrative procedures are also complicated.
 - (c) Diamond has been discovered in countries such as Canada, Russia, Brazil etc.
 - (d) For e.g., carbon dioxide emitted from cars causes air pollution.

UNIT-II

3. Summarize the following passage: 8

Self-reliance is the pilgrim’s best staff, the worker’s best tool. It is the master key that unlocks all the difficulties of life. ‘Help yourself and heaven will help you’ is a maxim that receives daily confirmation. He who begins with crutches will generally end with crutches. Help from within always strengthens, but help from without invariably enfeebles the recipient. It is not in the sheltered garden, but in the rugged alpine cliff, where the storms beat most violently, that the toughest plants are reared. It is not by the use of corks, bladders and life buoys that you can best learn to swim, but by

plunging courageously into the waves and buffeting them. To wait until some charitable man passes by, to stand with arms folded, signing for a helping hand is not the part of any manly mind. The habit of depending upon others should be vigorously resisted, since it tends to weaken the intellectual faculties and paralyses the judgement. The struggle against adverse circumstances has, on the contrary, a bracing and strengthening effect, like that of the pure mountain air on an enfeebled frame. This is a lesson which, nowadays, is not taught in colleges. To ask it seems the vice of modern systems of education that they lay down too many “royal roads” to knowledge. Those impediments which formerly compelled the student to think and labour for himself are now most carefully removed, and he glides so smoothly along the well-beaten highway that he pauses not to heed the flowers on either side.

4. Paraphrase the following passage. 6

One of the more than one thousand bicycling deaths each year, three-fourths are caused by head injuries. Half of those killed are school-age children. One study concluded that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85%. In an accident, a bike helmet adsorbs the shock and cushions the head.

From “Bike Helmets: Unused Lifesavers.” *Consumer Reports* (May 1990): 348

UNIT-III

5. Give a critical analysis on any one of the following in 100 words: 10
- (a) In this world I would rather live two days like a tiger, than two hundred years like a sheep.
- (b) Man’s capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man’s inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.
6. What is critical thinking? State three objectives for critical thinking. 1+3=4

UNIT-IV

7. Choose one of the following and write an argumentative essay. (200-250 words) 8
- (a) Should VIP vehicles follow the same traffic rules as the rest?

- (b) Life is easier in Dimapur than in Kohima.
- (c) Is technology making us sleep deprived?
- (d) E-readers are better than printed books.

8. Explain *any two* of the following: 3×2=6
- (a) Appeal to authority
 - (b) Exaggeration/unsubstantiated generalization
 - (c) Bandwagon
 - (d) Charged words

UNIT-V

9. Define author-page method of in-text citation and quotative frame (dialogue guide). Substantiate with a real or imaginary text. 4+6=10
10. What is a journal? Mention its features. 4
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