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Course: GE for BA/BCom Program courses
Semester: VI
Paper: Generic Elective
Paper title: Academic Writing and Composition
Marks: 75
Time limit: 3+1 hours (1 Hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)

Instructions:

Answer any **THREE (3)** of the following questions.

Each question carries **25 marks**.

Write each answer in **500-800 words**.

1. What are the various principles of academic writing? Explain the significance of coherence and cohesion in writing through suitable examples.
2. Compare and contrast Narrative, Argumentative and Descriptive Writing. Explain the various characteristics of the different types of writing.
3. What is critical thinking and how far is it important in the research and academic world?
4. Read the passage given below and answer the following:
 - a. Write a summary of the passage and give it a suitable title. (15 marks)
 - b. Add a paragraph at any point of your choice to the passage. You may through this new paragraph provide information that is not already addressed in the piece or expand on existing information. (10 marks)

All living things that live on this earth come under the environment. Whether they live on land or water they are part of the environment. The environment also includes air, water, sunlight, plants, animals, etc. The Earth is considered the only planet in the universe that supports life. Environment can be understood as a blanket that keeps life on the planet safe and sound.

We truly cannot understand the real worth of the environment. But we can estimate some of its importance that can help us understand its importance. It plays a vital role in keeping living things healthy in the environment. Likewise, it maintains the ecological balance that will keep check of life on earth. It provides food, shelter, air, and fulfils all human needs whether big or small.

Moreover, the entire life support of humans depends wholly on the environmental factors. In addition, it also helps in maintaining various life cycles on earth. Most importantly, our environment is the source of natural beauty and is necessary for maintaining physical and mental health. The environment regulates various natural cycles that happen daily. These cycles help in maintaining the natural balance between living things and the environment. Disturbance of these things can ultimately affect the life cycle of humans and other living beings.

The environment has helped us and other living beings to flourish and grow from thousands of years. The environment provides us with fertile land, water, air, livestock and many essential things for survival.

Human activities are the major cause of environmental degradation because most of these harm the environment in some way. The activities of humans that cause environmental degradation are pollution, defective environmental policies, chemicals, greenhouse gases, global warming, ozone depletion, etc. All these affect the environment badly. Besides these, the overuse of natural resources will create a situation in the future where there will be no resources for consumption. And the most basic necessity of living air will get so polluted that humans have to use bottled oxygen for breathing.

Above all, increasing human activity is exerting more pressure on the surface of the earth which is causing many disasters in an unnatural form. Also, we are using the natural resources at a pace that within a few years they will vanish from the earth.

To conclude, we can say that it is the environment that is keeping us alive. Without the blanket of environment, we won't be able to survive. The environment's contribution to life cannot be repaid. Besides, still what the environment has done for us, in return we only have damaged and degraded it.

5. Write an essay on the following topic sentence.

“Healthcare should be free and easily available in democracies.”

6. Read carefully the following Introduction to an essay. Continue the essay, writing two body paragraphs and a suitable conclusion.

Drug addiction, also known as substance–use disorder, refers to the dangerous and excessive intake of legal and illegal drugs. This leads to many behavioural changes in the person as well as affects brain functions. Drug addiction includes abusing alcohol, cocaine, heroin, opioid, painkillers, and nicotine, among others. Drugs like these help the person feel good about themselves and induce ‘dopamine’ or the happiness hormone. As they continue to use the drug, the brain starts to increase dopamine levels, and the person demands more.



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