

- Enid Blyton's *The Birthday Kitten* was first published in 1957, later by Beaver Books in London in 1984.
- *Eats, Shoots & Leaves* by Lynne Truss was published by Profile Books, London in the year 2005.
- William Congreve's *Love for Love* has been published on page numbers 259 to 365 of *Three Restoration Comedies*, edited by Gamini Salgado and published by Penguin Books, Middlesex (England) in 1968.
- In 1961 *The Burden of Southern History* by C. Vann Woodward was published by Vintage Books in New York.
- Subhash Kak's article 'The Evolution of Early Writing in India' in *Indian Journal of History of Science* in volume number 28 published in 1994 appears on pages 375-388.

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Name of the Paper : Academic Writing and Composition

Name of the Course : BA (H) English, CBCS (GE)

Semester : IV

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. The paper has two parts, A and B.
4. Three questions have to be attempted from each part.

**PART – A**

Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **200** words each.

Give suitable examples to illustrate your answers.

Each question carries **10** marks. (3×10=30)

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1. What are the categories that we may use to broadly classify different kinds of writing? Which of these do you think is most suitable for academic writing?
2. What do you understand by research? Do you think research is important for academic writing? State your reasons.
3. What are language conventions? How are they significant in writing an academic paper?
4. How are critical thinking and synthesis integral to effective writing? How are they related to each other?
5. What is the significance of evaluation in critical writing? How does it help in structuring an argument?
6. What do you understand by citation of resources? What are the different ways in which one may plagiarise in writing an academic paper?

### PART – B

Answer any **three** of the following questions. Each question carries **15** marks. (3×15=45)

1. Write a summary of the following passage and give it a suitable title. (12+3=15)

4. Write an essay on the following Thesis Statement. (15)  
 “Excessive dependence on social media makes human being lonelier than ever.”
5. Edit and proof read the following passage and then rewrite it, incorporating all the corrections. (10+5=15)  
 Aristotle (b. 384 BBC) was a greek philosopher, logician and scientist. Alongwith his teacher Pluto, Aristotle is generally regarded as one of the most influential ancient thinkers in a number of philosophical fields, including political theory. ARISStotle was born in Stagira in northern Greece, and studied in Platos Academy in Athens. After Plato’s death, he left Athenns to conduct philosophycal and biological research in Asia Minor and Lesbos. He was invited by King Philip 2 of Macedon tutor to his young son, Alexander the Great. Soon after Alexander succeeded his father, consolidated the conquest of the Greek city-states, and launched the invasion of the Persian Impire. When Alexander died suddenly, Aristotle had to flee from Athens because of his Macedonian connections, and he died soon after.
6. Create a bibliography using the following sources. First use a citation convention to rewrite the details of each source and then arrange the five sources in the correct sequence. (10+5=15)

Even established players like Udacity have shown a keen interest in the growth of online education in India. Udacity wishes to democratise education in India and improve the chances of upgrading skills of mid-level professionals. They have created a 'nanodegree' programme specially customised for the Indian market with discounted price and appropriate content.

Well, all of this essentially says that there is going to be a big future of online education in India, but it definitely has a long way to go.

3. The following is the Introduction to an essay. Read it carefully and continue the essay, writing two body paragraphs and a suitable conclusion : (3×5=15)

All the natural things which makes life possible on the earth includes under an environment like water, air, sunlight, land, fire, forests, animals, plants, etc. It is considered that earth is the only planet in the universe having required environment for the life existence. Without environment we cannot guess life here so we should keep our environment safe and clean to ensure the life possibility in future. It is the responsibility of each and every individual living on the earth worldwide. Everyone should come forth and join the campaign for environment safety.

Making decisions on your own is hard enough, but when other people get involved and try to pressure you one way or another it can be even harder. People who are of your age, like your classmates, are called peers. When they try to influence how you act, to get you to do something, it's called peer pressure. It's something everyone has to deal with - even adults. Peers influence your life, even if you don't realise it, just by spending time with you. You learn from them, and they learn from you. It's only human nature to listen to and learn from other people in your age group.

Peers can have a positive influence on each other. Maybe another student in your science class taught you an easy way to remember the planets in the solar system or someone on the soccer team taught you a cool trick with the ball. You might admire a friend who is always a good sport and try to be more like him or her. Maybe you got others excited about your new favourite book, and now everyone's reading it. These are examples of how peers positively influence each other every day.

Sometimes peers influence each other in negative ways. For example, a few kids in school might try to get you to cut class with them, your soccer friend might try to convince you to be mean to another player and never pass her the ball, or a kid in the neighbourhood might want you to shoplift with him.

Some kids give in to peer pressure because they want to be liked, to fit in, or because they worry that other kids might make fun of them if they don't go along with the group. Others go along because they are curious to try something new that others are doing. The idea that "everyone's doing it" can influence some kids to leave their better judgment or their common sense, behind.

2. Make notes and then paraphrase the following passage :  
(5+10=15)

Owing to the steady economic growth and globalisation, education in India is no longer just a teacher talking to a bunch of students in a classroom. 'With more than 370 million internet users and hundreds of local as well as global business tycoons willing to invest in the future of education, online education in India has picked up pace. In fact, the e-learning market in the country is estimated to be worth more than \$3 billion.

India is now the third largest online market for education of the world. This enables people to take better advantage of the resources available online. We have more than 1 million registered schools and 18,000 higher education institutions. However, 4 percent of children never start school, 58 percent don't complete primary schools, 90 percent don't complete secondary school and only 10 percent go on to college. What is going to happen to the 90 percent? This is where startups like Khan Academy enter the market with

meticulously curated content, even in Indian languages, based on NCERT textbooks.

In fact, online education helps people get access to a world-class learning experience when traditional higher education is simply not possible due to financial or personal constraints. Some may also suffer from physical or mental disabilities that make learning in a classroom impossible. For these students, online courses, specialisations and degree programs can offer an incredible opportunity to continue their education and build careers for themselves.

These days, employers look for more than just the basic skill set in their employees, they look for a long-term relationship with the organisation. Often, appraisals and promotions are awarded on the basis of reskilling. This is where companies like Embibe and Simplilearn enter the picture with their courses for mid-level professionals. Similarly, UpGrad, which was launched in July 2015, also aims to create a flexible, industry-relevant learning experience for professionals. Alumni from respected business schools like IIT, Wharton, and UCLA also participated in this education revolution with their own venture called SlideRule, through which they claim to help people discover the best online courses available in every subject.