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BSC HONS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
PLU3205 - ACADEMIC WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY- LEVEL 03  
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST – NBT I  
DURATION: 1 ½ HOURS

DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

TIME: 11.00am-12.30pm

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**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS/ INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES**

- This question paper consists of 09 pages with **TWO** sections

**Section 1: 20 Multiple Choice Questions - (40 Marks)**

**Section 2: 12 Short Answer Questions - (60 Marks)**

- Write your INDEX NO in the space provided.
- **Multiple Choice Questions (Section 1):** Indicate answers in the **ANSWER SHEET** provided by placing a cross (X) in **INK** in the relevant cage (answers in pencil will **NOT** be marked)
- **Structured Essay Questions (Section 2):** Write the answer within the space provided.
- Do **NOT** remove any page/part of this question paper from the examination hall.
- Do **NOT** keep unauthorized materials, including mobile phones and other electronic equipment, with you during the examination

### SECTION 1: Multiple Choice Questions (20 Questions-40 Marks)

- 1.1 Which of the following terms could be used to indicate cause and effect in essay writing?
- a Furthermore
  - b However
  - c Similarly
  - d Therefore
- 1.2 Which of the following could you include to make a more memorable conclusion?
- a Make a recommendation.
  - b Summarise the entire essay.
  - c Introduce new information.
  - d Include multiple quotations.
- 1.3 In order to be able to present reasoning effectively in an academic setting we must have the ability to
- a Write persuasively about our personal experiences.
  - b Showcase our emotion in our writing.
  - c Describe our personal opinions in great detail.
  - d Support our conclusions with structured reasons.
- 1.4 From the following, which can be identified as a brainstorming technique?
- a Listing ideas and thoughts.
  - b Note-taking after reading.
  - c Reading different texts.
  - d Watching educational videos.
- 1.5 What can you use to increase coherence in a paragraph?
- a Include transitional signals.
  - b Include more statistics.
  - c Presenting information concisely.
  - d Include relevant quotes.
- 1.6 Which section of a journal article would help us to immediately identify if the text contains any information relevant to our needs?
- a The introduction
  - b The results
  - c The abstract
  - d Methods

- 1.7 In essay writing, which of the following could be used to present contrasting ideas?
- a Consequently
  - b Moreover
  - c Whereas
  - d Nonetheless
- 1.8 Scanning as a reading strategy could be used for which of the following purposes?
- a Locating where to find certain information.
  - b Identifying the range of sources used in the text.
  - c Facilitating effective note taking.
  - d Identifying supporting and opposing views.
- 1.9 “Many educational institutes are continuing to use online platforms to conduct lessons. Students and teachers both would prefer to engage with each other in a physical classroom”  
Which of the following could be used to connect the ideas in the two sentences?
- a Moreover
  - b For example
  - c Therefore
  - d Even though
- 1.10 Which type of argument contains a conclusion which follows from a true premise?
- a A valid argument.
  - b A sound argument.
  - c A strong argument.
  - d A true argument.
- 1.11 Choose which of these lists the correct order of the structure of an academic essay?
- a Title, content, conclusion.
  - b Title, body, conclusion.
  - c Introduction, body, conclusion.
  - d Introduction, abstract, body.
- 1.12 “In my view, wearing masks in public should be mandatory for all adults”  
Which of the following best describes the afore-mentioned sentence?
- a An explanation.
  - b A position.
  - c An agreement.
  - d A disagreement.

- 1.13 Identify the method used to maintain unity in a well-written paragraph?
- Use cohesive devices in sentences.
  - Repeating key terms.
  - Including only 4-5 sentences.
  - Discussing only one point.
- 1.14 From the following, choose which lists the purpose of freewriting?
- Writing to form different perspectives.
  - Writing until a specific focus can be identified.
  - Writing to generate multiple arguments.
  - Writing aimlessly about various topics.
- 1.15 “The sample was divided into three groups. Each group was given the task of completing a test within a set duration of twenty minutes. After the completion of the test, stress levels of each participant were recorded by measuring their heart rate and blood pressure.”  
What would you call this paragraph?
- An argument.
  - A description.
  - An explanation.
  - A point of view.
- 1.16 What is a good source for an academic essay on the effectiveness of distance learning programmes?
- A Wikipedia article on distance learning.
  - A journal article on distance learning.
  - A podcast on current state of distance learning.
  - A blog post describing student experiences.
- 1.17 Identify one of the functions of supporting sentences in a paragraph
- State the writer’s personal opinions on a topic.
  - Introduce the topic of the paragraph.
  - Mirror the information indicated in the topic sentence.
  - Elaborate on the topic sentence with evidence.
- 1.18 What is the main function of a thesis statement?
- To define the direction of the essay.
  - To offer opposing views related to the topic.
  - To support the topic being discussed.
  - To introduce the general topic under discussion.

1.19 Which of the following phrases could be added to this sentence to make it into a concluding sentence?

The traditional art techniques are at risk of being forever lost to future generations.

- a Nevertheless
- b For example
- c In brief
- d Because of

1.20 Which of the following could be a topic sentence?

- a Although the Asian elephant is an endangered species, the Sri Lankan government has not taken any steps to secure its future.
- b Increasing the diversity and inclusion of the workforce is a pressing priority in our current reality.
- c Therefore the results prove that there is a significant relationship between stress and burnout.
- d Lastly, there is evidence to prove that road accidents are due to reckless driving.

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## ANSWER SHEET FOR SECTION-1

Q. No.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
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## SECTION 2: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

All questions are compulsory

- 2.1 Name five aspects of an essay that helps us identify the author's position (5 marks)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.2 Name the key features of a good introduction. (5 marks)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.3 State five skills and/or attitudes associated with critical thinking (5 marks)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.4 Distinguish between a description and an explanation (5 marks)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2.5 Define the two main types of evidence used in academic writing and offer an example for each type. (5 marks)

- 2.6 Name five things we should note down when collecting information from a book for academic purposes? (5 marks)
- 2.7 State five characteristics of critical writing (5 marks)
- 2.8 Define critical thinking. (5 marks)
- 2.9 Name five ways we can identify a credible source of evidence for an academic essay (5 marks)
- 2.10 Describe the structure of a well-organised paragraph. (5 marks)
- 2.11 Describe the importance of signposting in critical writing. (5 marks)



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2.12 Describe two main functions of a topic sentence. (5 marks)

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