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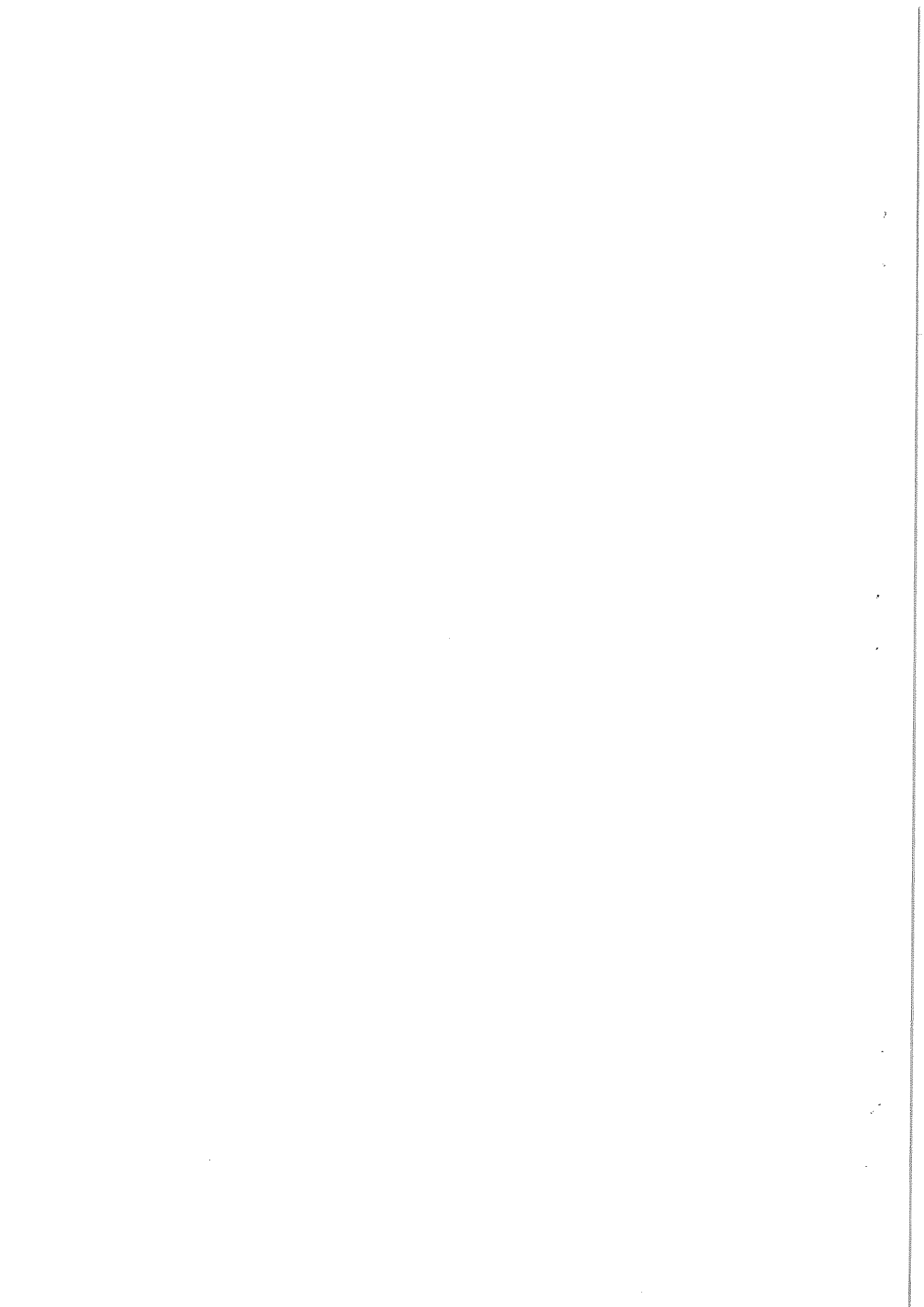


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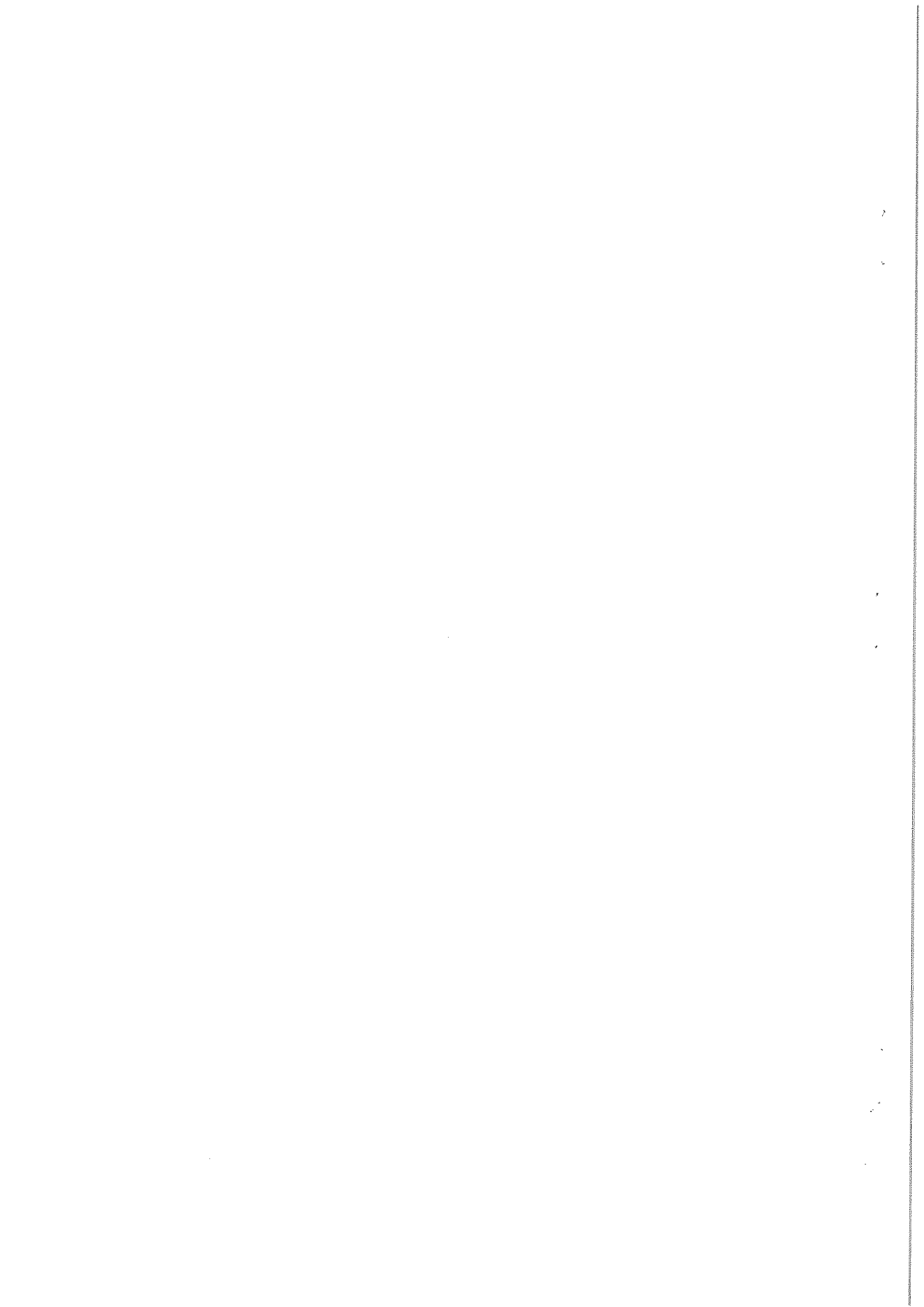


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SECTION 2: STRUCTURED ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

Choose 04 out of the 06 questions given below and answer using the provided answer sheets.

2.1 Reading research articles aid the development of academic writing skills.

- a) Name five essential aspects of a research report that is included in an abstract.
(5 marks)
- b) What should be included in the discussion section of a research report?
abstract (5 marks)
- c) State the five ethical principles upheld by the American Psychological Association. (5 marks)

2.2 Referencing is a skill that is important in academic writing.

Findings revealed that teachers' emotional exhaustion negatively predicted the perceived autonomy support at the end of the physical education programme. It is suggested that teachers' emotional exhaustion not only predicted the final perceived teacher autonomy support. Under the classes taught by teachers with high feelings of emotional exhaustion, students were less likely to perceive their teacher's autonomy support. By contrast, teachers with low levels of emotional exhaustion facilitated students' feelings of autonomy support and were more favourable for all students.

Authors: Bo Shen, Nate McCaughtry, Jeffrey Martin, Alex Garn' Noel Kulik and Mariane Fahlman

Title: The relationship between teacher burnout and student motivation

Year of publication: 2015

Journal: British Journal of Educational Psychology

Issue and volume number: Volume 85, issue 4

Pages : 519 – 532

Digital Object Identifier: [10.1111/bjep.12089](https://doi.org/10.1111/bjep.12089)

- a) Please demonstrate how the authors of this study could be presented as a direct and an indirect reference within a text. (5 marks)
- b) Write a full reference entry for this journal as per APA 7th edition guidelines. (5 marks)
- c) What are the two ways through which we could present information from the afore-mentioned paper without plagiarising it? (5 marks)

2.3 Arguments are often used in persuasive essay writing.

- a) Define **two** of the following types of arguments: (5 marks)
 - i. Valid argument
 - ii. Sound argument
 - iii. Strong argument
- b) Define critical thinking. (5 marks)
- c) What are the skills required for critical reasoning? (5 marks)

2.4 Choosing the right source is a systematic process.

- a) Define the two different types of sources used in academic writing and give an example for each type of source. (5 marks)
- b) State five tips to keep in mind when deciding whether a text is worth reading. (5 marks)
- c) Which sections of a journal article would you skim through in your first reading? (5 marks)

2.5 Critical writing is well-organised.

- a) Describe the features of a good introduction. (5 marks)
- b) Write an introductory paragraph for a persuasive essay on the following topic: "Mental health should be prioritised in the post-pandemic world". (10 marks)

2.6 Critical writing is the hallmark of good academic writing.

- a) What are five characteristics of critical writing? (5 marks)
- b) Making friends as an early career worker seems to be important for people in a new city without existing ties. These friends support people through job crises and personal moments. They end up being friends for life. But while making friends as an adult can be hard, blocks have never been higher, especially for Gen Z. So experts say that, overall, social circles have shrunk after a lonely couple years during the pandemic. This means some young ones are seeking new ways of making friends. Gen Z are now using new platforms to build sustainable close connections in a way that generations before them didn't. Young workers are getting more creative about the ways in which they meet people.

Rewrite the above-mentioned paragraph in a formal manner (7 marks)

- c) What is the author's position in this paragraph? (3 marks)

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