

**B.A. (GENERAL) (CBCS)**

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**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2022**

**BEGG-173 : ACADEMIC WRITING AND  
COMPOSITION**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** Answer *all* questions.

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- I.** Write short notes of about 100 words each on the following : 6×5=30
1. What are the foundational elements of critical thinking ?
  2. What is academic writing ? What are its two major functions ?
  3. Is “editing” the same as “revising” ? Why is it important to edit our writing ?
  4. What is the significance of a ‘topic sentence’ in a paragraph ?
  5. What do you understand by the term ‘close reading’ ?
  6. What aspects should be considered while writing the review of a book ?

**II.** Write short essays of about 200 words each on the following : 4×10=40

7. Identify any four disciplines covered under the stream of 'Natural and Applied Sciences'. Discuss with suitable examples, the typical features of academic writing in such disciplines.
8. What is 'copyright law'? Why is it important to avoid plagiarism in academic writing ?
9. With suitable examples, explain the features of a persuasive text.
10. What aspects should be considered while writing a report of a meeting ? What information would you include in the report ?

**III. 11.** What are the defining features of an argumentative text ? 5

12. Write an argumentative essay based on the following statement in about 200 words : 10  
"Electronic books are the books of the future."

**IV.** Write a well-structured composition on the following topic in about 200 words.

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**13.** “Conservation of Indian Rivers : Problems and Challenges.”

Your essay should have a clear introductory paragraph, body and concluding paragraph.

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