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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

EL 1808 - ADVANCED ACADEMIC WRITING

Date : 03/11/2015
Time : 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART A

Answer any FOUR (minimum 2 questions from each section) of the following in about 100 words each: (4x 5= 20)

SECTION I

1. What is annotated bibliography? Give examples.
2. Explain a) Thesis Statement b) Topic Sentence.
3. How does one avoid plagiarism?

SECTION II

4. Explain cohesion and coherence.
5. Write about the salient features of academic writing.
6. Explain the need for 'register' with regard to academic writing.

PART B

Answer the following questions in about 500 words: (2x20=40)

7. Elucidate the different stages of writing a research paper with examples?

OR

8. What are the different components of documentation? Give examples.
9. Illustrate the importance of various prewriting techniques.

OR

10. Discuss the need for note taking and note making in academic writing.

PART C

Answer the following questions in about 500 words:

(2x20=40)

11. Write an essay observing the salient features of good academic writing on a topic of your choice.

OR

12. Illustrate the importance of various prewriting techniques.

13. Write an abstract and draft an essay on the topic, 'Literature and Life'.

OR

14. Read the following extract from an article and analyze the text with reference to structure, argument, language and content.

Story telling is a universal human activity that carries deep value of teaching morality. Every society on earth has recorded its respected traditions, cultures, customs, beliefs and ritual through different mediums and the folktale is one of the most popular medium that every human has come across. Some value folktales by knowing its importance, some consider it as great source of entertainment and some neglect its importance. Alan Dundes in his book *The Study of Folklore* (1965) redefines folklore by defining the two components of the term; 'Folk' and 'Lore'. "The term 'folk' can refer to any group of people whatsoever who share at least one common factor. It does not matter what the linking factor is-it could be a common occupation, language, or religion-but what is important is that a group formed for whatever reason still have some traditions which it calls its own." (31)

Folk tales tell about the traditions, cultures, customs and behaviors of the society in general. Folk tales are oral tradition that passes from a generation to the next. Like films and books, folk tales were the best source of recreation in earlier days that people sit around the fire to listen. Every folk tale carries some popular proverbs, beliefs, sayings and messages, for example; why crow is black in color? Why eclipse happens? Why hare got cleft lip? Most of the folk tales have happy endings that evil dies or banishes and the victim is saved from the tragic. Propose of having happy ending is to ensure that the world is better place for good people and there is a way to come across any kind of obstacles. It seems that folk tales not only entertain the people but also helps to strengthen their moral principles.
