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Programme: PG (Generic)
IV Semester Examination, April/May-2026

Course Title: Academic Writing, Research and Communication
Time: 3 Hours

Course Code: PGEN401GET
Marks: 70

Note: This question paper consists of (3) parts: Part – A, Part-B and Part-C. Number of words to answers each question is only indicative. Attempt all the parts.

Part-A contains (10) compulsory questions of multiple choice/fill in the blank/very short answer type question. Answer all questions. Each question carries (1) mark. (10x1=10 marks)

Part-B contains (8) questions of which students are supposed to answer (5) questions. Answer each question in approximately 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5x6=30 marks)

Part-C contains (5) questions of which students are supposed to answer (3) questions. Answer each question in approximately 500 words. Each question carries (10) marks. (1x10=10 marks)

Part-A

1. Answer all the following questions.

- I. Academic writing is NOT formal. (True/False)
- II. In research papers, bibliography is written before the conclusion. (True/False)
- III. In-text citation is used to give credit to sources. (True/False)
- IV. Copying without acknowledgement is called _____.
a) paraphrasing b) quoting c) plagiarism d) summarizing
- V. MLA style is mainly used in _____.
a) social sciences b) humanities c) medicine d) engineering
- VI. _____ style is commonly used in Social Sciences.
a) MLA b) APA c) AMA d) IEEE
- VII. Which among the following is a type of academic writing?
a) Novel b) Autobiography c) PhD thesis d) Short story
- VIII. Group discussion develops _____.
a) writing skill b) reading skill c) memory d) listening and speaking skill
- IX. What is public speaking? Write the answer in one or two line/s.
- X. What is summarizing? Write the answer in one or two line/s.

Part-B

2. How is academic writing different from other writings?
3. What are the different stages you will follow while writing an academic essay?
4. Write the difference between quoting and paraphrasing.
5. What is plagiarism? How will you avoid it?
6. Explain MLA in-text citation with an example.
7. Discuss the types of research.
8. Write an essay on the importance of power point presentation.
9. Prepare a speech for public speaking.

Part-C

10. What are the different types of academic writings? Discuss with suitable examples.
11. Explain the structure of a research paper and the importance of each section.
12. Discuss the importance of public speaking, group discussion and interview in academic context.
13. Write a research proposal for PhD admission.
14. Compare APA and MLA citation styles with suitable examples.
