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MCS-214

MASTER OF COMPUTER

APPLICATIONS

(MCA-NEW)

Term-End Examination

December, 2025

MCS-214 : PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND

ETHICS

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

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

1. (a) Read the following passage and answer

the questions below it :

Plagiarism is a widespread problem that transcends the boundaries of education and professional domains. It occurs when individuals copy or closely imitate the works of others without giving credit to the original authors. This unethical practice can take many forms including copying texts, ideas, images, data without proper citation.

The consequence of plagiarism can be severe, in educational settings, students who engage in plagiarism risk failing

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assignments or courses damaging their academic reputations and facing disciplinary actions that may include expulsion. In the professional world, individuals caught plagiarising, can lose their jobs, face legal consequences and suffer irreparable damage to their careers and personal integrity.

One of the reasons plagiarism is so detrimental is that it erodes the trust and credibility of those who commit it. It also undermines the foundation of intellectual progress and innovation by stifling the free exchange of ideas.

Plagiarism disrupts the process by misrepresenting the true source of ideas and discoveries.

Preventing plagiarism requires a commitment to ethical conduct and proper citation. Students and professionals alike should understand the importance of acknowledging the work of others. This includes citing sources accurately and comprehensively using quotation marks when directly quoting texts, and paraphrasing information while giving credit to the original authors. Preventing plagiarism

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through ethical conduct and proper citation is crucial for upholding the principles of honesty and integrity.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) What is plagiarism and why is it considered an ethical breach ? 2
- (ii) What are some of the consequences of plagiarism in educational settings ? 2
- (iii) How does plagiarism affect the professional life ? 2
- (iv) How does plagiarism affect trust and credibility ? 2

(v) What are some of the strategies for preventing plagiarism ? 2

(b) Rewrite the sentences below beginning with the words given below : 5×1=5

(i) Bad weather has blocked all plans for an outdoor picnic.

Outdoor picnic.....

(ii) The car is being sold. They.....

(iii) You are requested to maintain calm in library.

Please.....

(iv) We will hold the discussion on climate crisis next week.

The discussion.....

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- (v) The university has organized a start up competition for its students.

Start up competition.....

2. Compose a paragraph in about **100** words on any *one* of the following topics : 10

- (a) Importance of career choice
(b) The Art of Public Speaking

3. Fill in the blanks with a, an, the or no article : 5×1=5

- (i) sun rises in the east.
(ii) There is.....apple on the table.
(iii) There is.....umbrella in the corner of her room.

(iv) Mohini wants to become astronaut.

(v) She saw.....interesting documentary
yesterday on endangered species.

4. Write a letter to your friend who has joined a job just recently on the importance of professional skills and ethics with suitable examples in about **150** words. 10
5. Write a detailed note on the major types of Group Discussion and effective ways to perform in a GD. 10

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