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BEGG-173

B. A. (GENERAL) (CBCS)

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Term-End Examination

June, 2026

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

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Answer all questions.*

1. Write short notes in about **100** words each
on any *six* of the following : 6×5=30
 - (a) Describe the *three* essential components
of critical thinking.

- (b) What do you understand by the terms ‘claim’ and ‘evidence’ in the context of academic writing ?
- (c) What is the difference between a paraphrase and a summary ?
- (d) Explain the function of the introductory paragraph in a piece of academic writing.
- (e) Describe the features of expository writing.
- (f) With a suitable example, show how you can use a mind-map to express a concept on theme.
- (g) What aspect should be considered while writing a business proposal ?

2. Write short essays of about **200** words each

on any *four* of the following : $4 \times 10 = 40$

- (i) Explain with suitable examples, how academic writing differs from non-academic writing.
- (ii) Identify any *four* disciplines covered under the stream 'Business and Professional Studies.' Discuss the general features of academic writing in such features.
- (iii) Describe the various stages of the process approach to writing.
- (iv) What do you understand by the term 'plagiarism' ? What steps would you take to avoid plagiarism in your academic writing ?

- (v) Briefly describe the steps in writing a report. What aspects should be considered while writing the report of a meeting ?

3. (a) What aspect would you keep in mind while writing an argumentative paragraph ? 5

- (b) Write an argumentative paragraph based on the topic : 10

“Excessive use of mobile phones and other gadgets can adversely affect the mental development of young children.”

4. Write a well-structured composition in
around **200** words on the topic : 15

“Traffic congestion in my City/Town : What I
can do to help tackle it.”

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