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Enrollment Number:

Name:

MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2025

Third Semester

M.A. English Language & Literature

M21EG04SE – English for Academic Purposes

(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Mention any two punctuation marks used for setting off explanatory or parenthetical elements and their function.
2. What is the importance of tailoring academic writing to the audience?
3. What is the difference between “its” and “it’s” in academic writing?
4. What is a ‘topic sentence’, and why is it essential in paragraph writing?
5. Why is citation important in academic writing?
6. What is meant by ‘writing to the point’ in research writing?
7. What is ‘chiselling’ in the context of research writing?
8. How does artificial intelligence influence modern academic essay writing, and what are the concerns associated with it?

(2X5=10)

Section B

Answer any six of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 5 marks.

9. Discuss the nine techniques that enhance academic writing style. How do they contribute to effective scholarly communication?
10. Explain the concept of tone and style in academic writing. Why is ‘maintaining the right Balance’ important?
11. Why is spelling accuracy essential in academic writing?
12. How does deductive reasoning differ from inductive reasoning in academic writing?

13. What are the common types of plagiarism?
14. What is the structure of a research article?
15. In what ways can non-sequiturs be useful in linguistic research?
16. Explain how questioning helps in developing research ideas.
17. How do successive drafts enhance argumentation and scholarly quality in academic writing?
18. Discuss the evolution of academic essays from ancient oral traditions to modern AI tools.

(5X6=30)

Section C

Answer any two of the following questions in four pages each. Each question carries 15 marks.

19. Describe the key 'mechanics of writing' that every academic writer must master. Elucidate your answer with examples.
20. Discuss how strong arguments are constructed in research writing with suitable examples.
21. Describe the documentation styles of MLA, APA, Chicago Manual Style and Harvard Style used in academic writing with examples.
22. Analyse how 'structuring and planning' supports adaptable and focused research writing.

(15X2=30)