



**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

SECOND SEMESTER (FEBRUARY-MAY, 2022)

ENGL/LING 324: CREATIVE WRITING

STREAM: Y3, S2

TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Do not write anything on this question paper.

Answer question ONE and any other TWO Question

1. (a) Define the term Mechanics of writing (2 marks)
 - (b) With apt examples, discuss the following five main mechanics that govern the technical aspects of writing (10marks)
 - i. spelling
 - ii. capitalization
 - iii. Paragraphing
 - iv. punctuation
 - v. abbreviation
 - (c) Discuss four Elements essential to good paragraph writing (8 marks)
 - (d) (i) Briefly, define the term Academic Writing (2 marks)
 - (ii) Discuss four main features of Academic Writing (8 marks)
2. (a) Explain what you understand by Precis Writing. (2 marks)
 - (b) Describe the important features for a good Precis writing (8 marks)
 - (c) Read the following passage and write a Precis of about 50 words (10 marks)

PASSAGE:

Almost every organism has the tendency to react to certain stimuli for survival. This reaction to each and every situation has an evolutionary basis of adaptation. The study of human emotions dates back to the 19th century and **psychologists** have since then discovered many reasons for every emotion, yet these are just theories. The arousal of emotions and their assumed structures is said to occur due to repeated encounters with a situation followed by the adaptation of the encounter. Human emotions have been linked to adaptively regulate emotion-gathering mechanisms. The emotion of fear which is associated with ancient parts of the brain has presumably evolved among our pre-mammal ancestors while the emotion of a mother's love called the 'filial emotion' has seen to evolve among early mammals. Various emotions work as manipulative strategies that favour survival. Feigning emotions by an accused person may help him be saved from the punishment. An exaggerated display of anger is also associated with manipulating or threatening someone.

Despite there being several emotions for various events, ironically the most interesting emotion is the emotion of disgust. Disgust is aroused when the body senses a danger to the immunity or the **physiology** of the human. The disgusted memory is associated with alerting the brain of a potentially dangerous substance. A few studies have shown that the encoding triggered in adaptive memory for problems is stronger than any other behavior. This makes us instantly have a disgusted expression at the sight of something that makes us uncomfortable or uneasy. These expressions are also closely linked to self-protective communication.

3. (a) using an Expository writing style, write a composition starting with the following words: (12 marks)

'It all started as a joke..... (Not more than 100 words)

- (b) Highlight two unique attributes for each of the following types of writing styles (8 marks).

- i. persuasive writing
- ii. descriptive writing
- iii. narrative writing
- iv. expository writing

4. (a) what is sentence structure variations and of what importance is it to you as a creative writer (4 marks)

- (b) With relevant examples (sentences), explain what the following sentence structures are (8 marks)

- i. Simple sentences

- ii. Compound sentences
- iii. Complex sentences
- iv. Compound-complex sentences

(c) Identify and explain briefly any four types of journalistic writing. (8 marks)

5. Read the poem below and answer the questions listed below:

AKOSONU

Akosonua is a guinea fowl
Every time she passes here, I greet her
Akosonua, good morning!
She looks at me up and down and gives no response,
And when I ask her, where is your treasure?
She replies, there is no man who will find it, yet.

Akosonua has touched my manhood!
Go tell her red ant upon the tree
That if she passes her today,
I shall shoot my way to her treasure,
Son of the hunter king; I shall shoot my way to her treasure, today.
There is a Liquid gun in my hand, and I swear by my father's grave,
I will shoot her today.

- a) Briefly explain the message of the poem (6 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples to support your answers, discuss the use of figurative speech used in the poem above (10 marks).
- c) With justification, give the poem another suitable Title (4 marks)

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