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M. A. EXAMINATION

(For Batch 2021 & Onwards)

(Fourth Semester)

ENGLISH

MA/ENG/4/CC14

Research Methodology

Time : Three Hours *Maximum Marks : 70*

Note : Attempt *Five* questions in all, selecting *one* question from each Unit. Q. No. 1 is compulsory. While writing citations, students can underline words or phrases to indicate that such words or phrases should be italicized.

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P.T.O.

1. Comment on any *five* parts out of the following options : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) Use of ellipses
- (ii) Capitalization of terms in English
- (iii) Title and subtitle of a source
- (iv) Ethics in research
- (v) Placement of parenthetical citation
- (vi) Citing dialogue from a drama.

Unit I

2. (a) Write a note on the use of comma, semicolon, dash, and apostrophe in a research work. Elaborate your answer with examples.

- (b) Based on your study of 'Mechanics of Prose' section of *MLA Handbook*, rewrite the following citations making correct use of punctuation marks, wherever necessary (you can underline in place of italics) :

- (i) Charon Rita, et al *The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine* Oxford UP, 2017.

- (ii) Twain Mark. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. William Collins 2010.

- (iii) Freud Sigmund. *Civilization and Its Discontents*. Edited and translated by James Strachey, W. W. Norton, 2005.

- (iv) Wellek René *A History of Modern Criticism*, 1750–1950. Vol. 8 Yale UP, 1992. 15

Or

How does adherence to proper mechanics enhance the clarity and coherence of a research paper ? Discuss various tools which can be helpful to a researcher in writing of a research work.

Unit II

3. (a) Suggest at least four methods which can help a researcher in avoiding plagiarism in research work.

(b) Choose the correct option for the following questions :

(i) Which of the following statements is true about plagiarism ?

- (1) Plagiarism is the act of sharing your own ideas and it is always legal.
- (2) Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's work as your own and it may have legal repercussions.
- (3) Plagiarism is the act of collaborating with others and it is encouraged in academic settings.
- (4) Plagiarism is the act of citing sources incorrectly and it has no ethical implications.

(ii) What does it mean to 'plagiarize yourself' in a published work ?

- (1) It means to publish new ideas based on your own knowledge.
- (2) It means yourself has copied material and not anyone else.

(3) It means to use ideas or phrases from your previous published work without citing it.

(4) It means to cite someone else's work as your own.

(iii) The title of a book, on its cover page, appears like this : *KISS of the SPIDER WOMAN*. Which of the following methods is correct to cite the same in a research work ?

- (1) *KISS of the SPIDER WOMAN*
- (2) *KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN*
- (3) *Kiss of the spider woman*
- (4) None of the above

(iv) You are to cite a source in your research work, which is written by two authors Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich. Which of the following is correct way of citation :

- (1) Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich. *The Crown of Columbus*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1999.

- (2) Dorris, Michael, and Erdrich, Louise. *The Crown of Columbus*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1999.
- (3) Dorris, Michael, et al. *The Crown of Columbus*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1999.
- (4) Dorris, Michael, and Louise Erdrich. *The Crown of Columbus*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1999. 15

Or

Discuss the various components of documentation in research, including reference to sources and containers, citations, and works cited. How do these elements support transparency and accountability in scholarly work ?

Unit III

4. (a) Suggest methods of acknowledging a work written by a single author, two authors, more than two authors, and an anonymous work. Give at least one example in each case.
- (b) You are to quote a part of a text from a book entitled *Communication Skills*. The following are the details of the book :
- Publication year : 2015
 Publisher : Oxford University Press
 Title of the book : *Communication Skills*
 Author : S. Kumar
 ISBN : 0198069324
- Create a citation for the said book according to MLA 9th edition.
- (c) How will you prepare a citation in 'works cited' of a book entitled *Contemporary Drama : India* edited by Erin B. Mee, published by Oxford University Press in the year 2001 ? Write the citation. 15

Or

Discuss the procedure for citing sources within the text of a research paper. Provide examples of quoting text from poetry, prose, and drama. In addition, elaborate on the utilization of ellipses, capitalization within quotations, and the positioning of parenthetical citations.

Unit IV

5. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 3×5=15

- (i) Margins and text formatting Placement of the list of works cited
- (ii) Paper and printing
- (iii) Writing title of a research paper
- (iv) Proofreading.