

School of Media and Communication Studies

BA Journalism and Mass Communication

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Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

Sem II - K2UA206T - Critical Thinking

Your answer should be specific to the question asked

Draw neat labeled diagrams wherever necessary

1. Explain 'truth seeking' and 'maturity' as dispositions of mind. K2 CO1 (5)
2. Explain 'open mindedness' as a habit of thinking with example. K2 CO1 (5)
3. Explain how the below given argument is an inductive argument. K2 CO1 (5)
 - None of the medieval texts we have studied argues against the existence of the God.
 - So, nobody in the middle ages argued against the existence of God.
4. Analyse the assertion made by Walter Lippmann regarding the potential failures of public opinion during crucial moments in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and analyze the implications and significance of this statement within the context of history. K3 CO3 (10)
- 5) Analyse some key dispositions that critical thinkers emphasize and cultivate in order to effectively solve problems and make decisions through thoughtful and analytical thinking. K4 CO2 (10)

OR

- K4 CO2 (10)
- Analyse the various dispositions that critical thinkers have discussed, which are integrated into their beliefs and actions, enabling them to effectively solve problems and make decisions as a result of their thoughtful thinking.
6. Process the statement, "An argument can be false but still be valid" with example. K3 CO3 (10)
 7. Determine the characteristics of critical thinking. K3 CO3 (10)
 - 8) Examine the difference between deductive and inductive logic with example. K5 CO4 (15)

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- Evaluate the different argumentative spheres, and how do argumentative practices vary across these spheres.
9. K4 CO2 (15)

Analyse the influence of the Internet on the state of argumentation, examining whether its role in providing a platform for diverse opinions leads to constructive discourse, or if the presence of confirmation bias and the expression of personal frustrations outweigh the potential benefits.

10. Analyse the passage critically and answer the questions given below:

K4 CO4 (15)

"Climate change is a pressing global issue that requires immediate attention. The overwhelming consensus among scientists is that human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels, are contributing to the increase in greenhouse gas emissions leading to rising global temperatures. However, some skeptics argue that natural climate variations and other factors play a more significant role in climate change than human activities. To critically analyze this issue, it is essential to examine the scientific evidence, evaluate the credibility of sources, and consider the potential consequences of different viewpoints."

1. Identify the main issue addressed in the passage.
2. What is the consensus among scientists regarding climate change?
3. What is one factor that skeptics argue plays a more significant role in climate change than human activities?
4. What steps should be taken to critically analyze the issue of climate change?
5. How does the burning of fossil fuels contribute to greenhouse gas emissions?