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M.A. ENGLISH

Research Methodology

(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : 3Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART - A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer :

- CO:1
K:2
1. According to MLA guidelines, how many inches of margin should be used on all sides of a research paper?
- (a) 0.5 inch (b) 1 inch
(c) 1.5 inches (d) 2 inches
- CO:1
K:1
2. In MLA format, which font size is suggested for the main text of a research paper?
- (a) 10 points (b) 11 points
(c) 11-13 points (d) 14-16 points
- CO:2
K:1
3. _____ is the act of presenting another person's ideas, works or entire work as your own.
- (a) Self-plagiarism (b) Plagiarism
(c) Paraphrasing (d) Fabrication
- CO:2
K:1
4. Inclusive language aims to achieve which of the following Goals?
- (a) Simplify complex ideas (b) Show personal opinions
(c) Respect individual and group identity by avoiding exclusion (d) Emphasize technical jargon
- CO:3
K:1
5. Books are commonly issued in versions called _____
- (a) Editions (b) Manuscripts
(c) Facsimiles (d) Translations

- CO:3 6. A _____ is a string of numbers and letters that typically begins
K:1 with the number 10.
- (a) URL (b) DOI
(c) ISSN (d) PMID
- CO:4 7. If a work has three or more authors, the entry in the works-cited
K:2 list begins with the first author's name followed by _____.
- (a) page number (b) etc
(c) et al (d) and al
- CO:4 8. According to the latest edition of the MLA handbook, a quotation
K:2 is indented separately when it has _____.
- (a) More than 3 lines (b) More than 4 lines
(c) More than 5 lines (d) More than 6 lines
- CO:5 9. When a quotation ends in the middle of a sentence, what should
K:5 replace the original period?
- (a) A semicolon (b) A comma
(c) A colon (d) A slash
- CO:5 10. Which punctuation mark is used to indicate omitted words
K:1 within a quotation?
- (a) Ellipsis (b) Parenthesis
(c) Dash (d) Hyphen

PART - B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

- CO:1 11. (a) Write about the format of using headings in a research
K:4 project.

(OR)

- (b) Describe the process of proofreading and binding a printed research paper.

- CO:2 12. (a) Explain how to give credit to original sources through
K:4 paraphrasing in academic writing.

(OR)

- (b) When is documentation not needed in a research project?

- CO:3 13. (a) Explain the concepts of title of source and title of container in
K:4 the context of a works cited page.

(OR)

- (b) Describe about the publication date in MLA citation.

CO:4 14. (a) How are punctuation marks used in parenthetical citations?

K:4

(OR)

(b) Describe how abbreviations are used for titles of works in MLA style.

CO:5 15. (a) Write a brief note on quotations.

K:4

(OR)

(b) What are the other permissible alterations of quotations allowed in academic research.

PART – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

CO:1 16. (a) Write an essay on the format of a research project.

K:5

(OR)

(b) Attempt an essay on the mechanics of prose in research.

CO:2 17. (a) Discuss the principles of inclusive language that writers should follow.

K:6

(OR)

(b) What is plagiarism and how can it be avoided in academic writing?

CO:3 18. (a) How to create and format entries in works-cited list?

K:6

(OR)

(b) How should a list of works-cited be arranged in a research paper?

CO:4 19. (a) Discuss the citation rules for co-authors, corporate authors and authors with identical surnames.

K:5

(OR)

(b) How can quotations be effectively integrated into academic prose?

CO:5 20. (a) Write a detailed essay on punctuation with quotations?

K:6

(OR)

(b) Explain the use of ellipses in quotations.