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Examinations Management Office
Birendranagar, Surkhet
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Subject: ENG 442/342-Critical Thinking

FM:60

Level/program: Bachelor (B.A) Semester: IV Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.

10x1=10

1. Write any two basic components of critical thinking.
2. How does clear writing relate to critical thinking?
3. How does hyperbole differ from proof surrogates?
4. Name the common rhetorical devices used for persuasion.
5. What do you mean by fallacies?
6. Define the term syllogisms.
7. Write any two ways to avoid fallacies in developing argument.
8. What is the essence of inductive arguments?
9. What is causal reasoning?
10. What is loaded question?

Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions.

3x8=24

11. How does ambiguity affect claims in critical thinking, and how can it be addressed?
12. Discuss the relationship between credibility and assessing the source of a claim.
13. Explain the difference between an ad hominem fallacy and a straw man fallacy.
14. How do deductive and inductive logics differ in evaluating arguments?

Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.

2x13 =26

15. Explain the importance of critical thinking for developing clear writing and using persuasive arguments.
16. In what ways do rhetorical devices like euphemisms and stereotypes influence persuasion?
Discuss with examples.
17. Examine the similarities and the differences among moral, legal, and aesthetic reasoning, taking into account ethical and aesthetic assessments in the process of making decisions.
