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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India**

**Master's Degree Examination - November 2024  
III Semester**

**Class : II PG  
Major : English**

**Time : 3 Hours  
Max. Marks: 100**

**23MENC18 Research Methodology**

**Course Outcome:**

- CO1: Demonstrate the knowledge of MLA research methodology  
CO2: Learn to identify the research problems  
CO3: Understand the fundamentals of conducting research  
CO4: Apply the skill of documentation in research writing  
CO5: Acquire skills in editing, proofreading, and other related skills for research writing

**Part A**

**10 x 1 = 10**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. The first step in research is CO1K1
  - a. Selecting a problem
  - b. Searching a problem
  - c. Checking the relevance
  - d. Checking the publication
2. What is most important while selecting a topic? CO1K1
  - a. Current relevance
  - b. Availability of sources
  - c. Expected result
  - d. Conclusion and result
3. What is meant by plagiarism? CO2K1
  - a. Command literary theft
  - b. Complete literary theft
  - c. Commit literary theft
  - d. Continued literary theft
4. Authenticity of a research finding is it's \_\_\_\_\_ CO2K1
  - a. Originality
  - b. Validity
  - c. Objectivity
  - d. Statistics
5. The primary purpose of punctuation is to ensure \_\_\_\_\_ of writing CO3K1
  - a. Clarity
  - b. Continuity
  - c. Coherence
  - d. Sequence
6. What is the line spacing for the writing as per M.L.A 8<sup>th</sup> book formatting? CO3K1
  - a. Single space
  - b. Double space
  - c. 1.5 Space
  - d. 2.5 space
7. To cite an anonymous article one should begin the entry with \_\_\_\_\_ CO4K1
  - a. article
  - b. a title
  - c. the source name
  - d. news bureau
8. M.L.A stands for CO4K1
  - a. Modern Language Association
  - b. Modern Literary Association
  - c. Modern Linguistic Association
  - d. Multi Language Association
9. In a parenthetical reference \_\_\_\_\_ must not be used CO5K1
  - a. name
  - b. title
  - c. year
  - d. abbreviation
10. To cite a journal the volume number must be followed by \_\_\_\_\_ number CO5K1
  - a. Issue
  - b. page
  - c. ISBN
  - d. ISSN

**Part B**

**5 x 6 = 30**

**Answer ALL questions**

**Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages**

- 11.a. Write briefly on Taking Notes. CO1K2  
(or)
- 11.b. Infer the methods of conducting research. CO1K2
- 12.a. How to quote Dates and abbreviations in Thesis writing? CO2K3  
(or)
- 12.b. Write briefly about the steps involved in evaluating sources. CO2K3
- 13.a. Explain the format of citing works, from the web sources. CO3K4  
(or)
- 13.b. Language and style in Thesis writing. CO3K4
- 14.a. Differentiate M.L.A and A.P.A style giving few examples. CO4K3  
(or)
- 14.b. Write a note on punctuation in the works cited list. CO4K3
- 15.a. Write a note on preparing outline of the Thesis. CO5K2  
(or)
- 15.b. Write a note on Bibliography. CO5K2

**Part C**

**5 x 12 = 60**

**Answer ALL questions**

**Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages**

- 16.a. Explain the steps finalizing your topic for Research? CO1K2  
(or)
- 16.b. Explain the structure of the Thesis. CO1K2
- 17.a. Write about the steps to avoid plagiarism in research. CO2K3  
(or)
- 17.b. Establish the importance of formatting a research paper. CO2K3
- 18.a. Differentiate primary and secondary sources. CO3K4  
(or)
- 18.b. Explain how to cite Titles and Numbers. CO3K4
- 19.a. Discuss the formatting of the works cited list. CO4K5  
(or)
- 19.b. Discuss the rules involved in the mechanics of writing. CO4K5
- 20.a. Write an essay on 'In-text citations' in research paper. CO5K6  
(or)
- 20.b. Explain how to organise your ideas on indirect sources. CO5K6

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