

Fourth Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg) Examination April 2026**KU4DSCFNG210 - READING AND WRITING FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSE**

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Section A**Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.**

1. What is the main advantage of using an academic database instead of a general search engine?
2. What is the difference between a "Works Cited" page and a "Bibliography"?
3. Define a "sentence fragment" and explain why it is considered an error in academic writing.
4. How can "wordiness" distract a reader from the main argument of a text?
5. What is the primary difference between formal academic writing and informal conversational writing?
6. Mention three common characteristics that distinguish academic texts from creative writing.
7. What are two signs that an academic source might be biased?
8. Describe how highlighting text differs from writing marginal notes (annotations).

Section B**Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.**

9. Explain the structure of a complex sentence and how it uses a dependent clause to add detail.
10. Discuss the importance of maintaining consistent pronoun usage to avoid confusing the reader.
11. Explain the role of clarity and conciseness in effective writing.
12. Explain the process of analyzing an author's argument for logical consistency.
13. Explain the step-by-step process of creating an effective summary of a long academic chapter.

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14. Discuss why it is necessary to record the source information (citation details) while taking notes.

Section C**Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.**

15. Discuss the entire writing process from prewriting to the final draft, explaining why each stage is necessary for quality writing.
16. Discuss the structural components of a formal academic essay and how each part contributes to a logical argument.
17. Compare and contrast the APA and MLA citation styles, focusing on their distinct formatting rules and the disciplines that typically use them.