

**NPTEL Online Certification Course**

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**WEEK 2: ASSIGNMENT 2**

A. On the basis of your understanding select the two most appropriate answers for the following questions.

1. Which of the following are the sources of ambiguity in writing?

a. Ellipsis

b. Active constructions

c. Split infinitives

d. Unusual words

2. Which of the following sentences are examples of inversion for emphasis?

a. So nicely did she do the work that everybody started liking her.

b. Hardly he had arrived at the station when the train left.

c. The girl danced beautifully in the concert.

d. To such an extent did he go to get his work done.

3. Which of the following are modal auxiliaries?

a. Shall

b. Be

c. Might

d. Was

4. Which of the following are important elements of effective essay writing?

a. ambiguity and brevity

b. Use of figurative language only

c. Incorporating facts and data

d. Starting with rhetorical questions

5. What are the essential steps in academic writing?

a. Researching and evaluating information

b. Avoiding impersonal language

c. Organizing and arguing effectively

d. Ignoring others’ arguments

B. Based on your understanding mark the following statements as True or False.

1. Using unusual words or double-meaning phrases enhances clarity in effective writing.

a. True

b. False

2. The pronoun "one" in British English should always be followed by "one."

a. True

b. False

3. A good thesis statement should blend several ideas into one or two sentences while clarifying the author’s stance on the topic.

a. True

b. False

4. Imaginative essays are based on the writer’s previous experiences and aim to convey facts.

a. True

b. False

5. Footnotes in academic writing are less detailed than the references section.

a. True

b. False

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