SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION

**ANSWER SHEET**

**MPU2233 CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS**

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DATE: 16-9-2020 TIME : 5 – 7 pm

GENERAL STUDIES MPU SUBJECT

**Instruction to Candidates:**

Answer **ALL** questions.

Q1.

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| **Question** | **Standard Argument** | **Marks (Total: 20 marks)** |
| (i) |  | /4 |
| (ii) | P1:If Susan laugh at my jokes, then my jokes is funny  P2:Susan doesn’t laugh at my jokes.  C:Therefore, my jokes is not funny. | /4 |
| (iii) | P1:People alive without reading sentences  C:Therefore,people can live without reading sentences | /4 |
| (iv) | P1:Texting is to convey the grade (hidden premise)  P2: There is no relationship between texting and academic performance (hidden premise)  C:Therefore, texting is not impairs academic performance | /4 |
| (v) | P1:Jane got sick is not necessarily the reason for eating seafood (hidden premise)  P2:Jane just got sick after eating seafood (hidden premise)  C: Therefore, the reason for Jane got sick is not eating seafood. (hidden conclusion) | /4 |

Q2 (a)

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| Question | Standard categorical syllogism form | Mode | Counter-argument | Evaluative Status | Marks (Total: 14 marks) |
| (i) | P1:Everybody on the district tax roll is a citizen  P2:All eligible voters are also citizens  C:Therefore, everybody on the district tax roll is an eligible voter. | 1.All A are B  2.All C are B  3.All A are C | P1:All cars are four-wheel things  P2:All BMW are four-wheel things  C:Therefore, all cars are BMW | Invalid | /7 |
| (ii) | P1:All chickens are ugly things.  P2:Some ugly thing are green things.  C:Some chickens are green things. | 1.All A are B  2.Some B are C  3.Some A are C | P1:All food are delicious things  P2:Some delicious things are healty things  C: Therefore, Some food are healty things | Valid | /7 |

(b)

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| Question | Standard categorical syllogism form | Mode | Evaluative status (including fallacy if any) | Marks (Total: 20 marks) |
| (i) | P1:All local students are admitted to the class  P2:Some person who is local students  C:Therefore, some person who is admitted to this class |  |  | /5 |
| (ii) | P1: All shrubs are ornamental plants  P2: No cacti are shrubs  C: Therefore, no ornamental plants are cacti. | SAP  MES  PEM | Invalid | /5 |
| (iii) | P1: All officials are kind persons  P2: Some generous men are kind persons  C:Therefore, some officials are generous men | SAP  MIP  SIM | Invalid | /5 |
| (iv) | P1:Some student who interested in school activities  P2: Some student who is not a freshman  C:Therefore, some freshmen are interested in school activities |  |  | /5 |

Q3.

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| Question | Fallacy / No Fallacy | Marks (Total: 16 marks) |
| (i) | No fallacy | /2 |
| (ii) | Fallacy | /2 |
| (iii) | Fallacy | /2 |
| (iv) | Fallacy | /2 |
| (v) | No fallacy | /2 |
| (vi) | No fallacy | /2 |
| (vii) | Fallacy | /2 |
| (viii) | Fallacy | /2 |

Q4.

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| Question | Standard Argument | Marks (6 marks) |
| (a) | P1: people buy college degrees on the Internet because they’re trying to pretend that they went to college.  P2: It is easy to make a college degree on your computer  C:Therefore, a degree that you make yourself is just as good as a degree that you bought on the Internet. | /6 |

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| Question | Refutation | Marks (10 marks) |
| (b) | It’s easy to get a college degree on a computer, but if you don’t use money to buy a college degree, students won’t know how to cherish this opportunity, and they won’t work hard. | /10 |

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| Question | Alternative Argument | Marks (14 marks) |
| (c) |  | /14 |