

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT

Final Year / Second Semester Examination in
Business Administration/ Commerce/ Economics – 2007/2008
(Special Examination – 2002/2003, 2002(A)/2003 (Repeat) (July-2008))

OCC 4011 Critical Thinking

Answer all questions.

Time: 1½ Hour

1. Critical thinking course has become very popular among the students
 - a) What is this course about?
(05 Marks)
 - b) How does the study of critical thinking helps you in writing assignments?
(05 Marks)

(Total 10 Marks)

2. a) What is a “Claim”?
(05 Marks)

- b) Are the following claims
 - (i) The lecturer for this course is male
 - (ii) The man at the entrance is short
 - (iii) Shut the door
 - (iv) Dear god, let me be a millionaire instead of a starving student
 - (v) I feel cold today

(1 x 5= 05 Marks)
(Total 10 Marks)

3. (a) What is an argument?
(03 Marks)

- (b) What is the point of making an argument?
(03 Marks)

- (c) ‘A’ is black. All negroes are black and ‘A’ is a negro.
 - (i) Is this an argument?
(02 Marks)
 - (ii) Identify the premises and conclusion
(02 Marks)

(Total 10 Marks)

4. Your friend goes outside, looks up at the sky and sees it is cloudy. She returns home and gets the raincoat and umbrella. Is she making an argument? Explain
(10 Marks)

5. Write an argument either for or against the following. "Canteen at Universities should serve alcoholic drinks."
(15 Marks)

6. (i) What do you mean by styles of Critical Thinking?
(03 Marks)

(ii) List out the styles of Critical Thinking.
(05 Marks)

(iii) Describe each style and the situations that demand the application of each style.
(12 Marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

7. Application of Critical Thinking in reasoning is important than understanding it. And the application needs carefully designed strategies. Describe the four strategies and the steps involved.
(10 Marks)

8. Deceptive reasoning techniques are used by many to distort reasoning process. Identify the deceptive reasoning technique used in Critical Thinking and explain each of the techniques.
(15 Marks)