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M.A.- END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025  
SEMESTER - I

**24PELET1C01 - Academic English: Grammar and Punctuation**

Total Duration : 1 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 40

### **Section B**

Answer any **TEN** questions (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Define a thesis statement in an academic essay.
2. What is parallel structure in writing, and why is it important?
3. Explain the difference between active voice and passive voice.
4. What is cohesion in academic writing?
5. What does APA citation style mean?
6. Define Plagiarism.
7. What is a topic sentence in a paragraph?
8. Explain what peer review is.
9. What is a modal verb and how is it used in academic English?
10. Define academic tone.
11. What is a literature review?
12. What is synthesis in the context of writing a research paper?

### **Section C**

Answer any **FOUR** questions (4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

13. Explain how to develop a strong thesis statement for an argumentative essay. Describe how the body paragraphs should support this thesis.
14. Discuss the role of parallel structure and active voice in improving clarity and effectiveness in academic writing. Provide examples.
15. How do you identify credible academic sources for a research paper? Explain at least three criteria to evaluate sources.

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16. What strategies can a writer use to avoid plagiarism when writing an academic essay or research paper? Explain with examples.
17. Discuss the importance of cohesion and transitions between paragraphs. How do they contribute to the readability and flow of a research paper?
18. What does 'synthesis' mean in the context of writing a research paper? Explain how synthesis helps to build an argument, and illustrate with a hypothetical example.

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