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**SUMMER TERM END TERM EXAMINATION AUGUST-2024**

**Semester**: 2023-2024

**Course Code**: ENG2004

**Course Name**: Critical Thinking for Lawyers

**Program & Sem**: LLB (ALL PROGRAMS)

**Date**: 05.08.2024

**Time**: 9.30AM -12.30PM

**Max Marks**: 100

**Weightage**: 50%

**Instructions:**

1. *Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Complete the test within the time given.*

**Part A**

**Answer any 5 Questions (10Qx2M=20M)**

1. Explain Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc with an example
2. Define critical thinking.
3. Describe the Slippery Slope fallacy
4. Why is self-regulation important for a lawyer?
5. Explain the term discourse
6. List out what can be gained using discourse analysis
7. How can critical thinking improve decision-making in law?
8. Why is it important to identify assumptions in an argument?
9. How can emotional manipulation be identified in legal arguments?
10. Define lateral thinking in your own words.
11. Explain the Bandwagon fallacy with an example.

**Part B**

**Answer any 4 Questions. (4Qx10M=40M)**

1. Explain the influence of discourse analysis in Law
2. Elucidate any five fallacies with examples
3. .Illustrate the steps involved in comparing and contrasting two legal opinions.
4. Explain how understanding the cultural context can aid in interpreting a legal text.
5. Discuss how separating emotional content from factual content enhances critical thinking.

**Part C**

**Answer any 2 Questions. (2Qx20M=40M)**

1. People who advocate for renewable energy sources just want to force everyone to live without modern conveniences. If we start relying more on renewable energy, the next thing you know, they'll be banning all cars and flights, and we'll be stuck in the dark ages. The main proponent of this idea can't be trusted because he's a known environmental activist who only cares about plants, not people. Ever since the government started funding green energy projects, the national economy has been struggling, which clearly shows that these projects are harmful to our financial stability. I've talked to a few people in my neighbourhood who use solar panels, and they all say they haven't seen any savings, so renewable energy must be a scam.

1. Identify the fallacies in each sentence

2. Define the fallacies

3. Give one example each.

1. Causes or effects of an event, phenomenon or trend give an insight into their complete understanding. While writing a speculative essay, the writers try to convince readers with their plausible causes or effects. Write an essay arguing for your preferred causes or effects for an event, a phenomenon, or a trend in 300 words.
2. Imagine you are the defense attorney in a criminal trial where your client, Emily Carter, is accused of vandalizing a local art gallery on the night of July 10th. The prosecution's case hinges on a security camera footage that shows a figure wearing a hoodie similar to one owned by Emily, as well as the testimony of a neighbor, Lisa Morgan, who claims she saw Emily's car near the gallery at the time of the incident. They also point to Emily's recent argument with the gallery owner over an exhibit as a possible motive. The defense presents evidence that Emily was at a friend's birthday party during the time of the vandalism, supported by multiple witnesses and photos from the event. Additionally, no physical evidence (such as paint residue or tools) connects Emily to the vandalism, and Emily's coworkers testify about her peaceful nature and lack of any prior criminal record. Write a closing argument summarizing these points, challenging the prosecution's evidence, and persuading the jury of Emily's innocence in approximately 300-400 words.