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SOCIOLOGY(Skill Enhancement Course )  
SOC 241 – ACADEMIC WRITING

Instructions: One Hour Max. Marks: 20

- 1. All questions are compulsory, however internal choice is available.
- 2. Figures to the right indicate maximum marks.

Q.1 Answer the following in one sentence : (5 x1 =5)

- a) What is academic writing?
- b) Name two conventions of academic writing.
- c) Give an example of a secondary source of data.
- d) Name the citation styles used in academic writing.
- e) What is a primary source of data?

Q. 2 A) Answer the following: (5)

- i) An example of an online database used for academic research is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) JSTOR (b) Facebook
- ii) To enhance clarity in academic writing, one strategy is to use \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Complex vocabulary (b) Simple language
- iii) Plagiarism is the act of \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's work or ideas.  
(a) Copying(b) Acknowledging
- iv) A primary source of data is characterized by being \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Secondary (b) Original
- v) Academic writing is typically more \_\_\_\_\_than non-academic writing.  
(a) Subjective (b) Formal

Q. 3 A) State whether the following statements are True or False: (5 Marks)

- 1. Precision in academic writing ensures that the information presented is clear.
- 2. Online databases provide access to a wide range of scholarly articles and research materials.
- 3. A thesis statement serves as the main argument that guides the direction of an academic essay.
- 4. Citing sources in academic writing is unnecessary as long as the writer paraphrases the information.
- 5. Secondary sources of data can provide context and background information to support primary research findings.

Q. 4 A) Match the Column (5 Marks)

Column A	Column B
1 Importance of clarity in academic writing	a) It ensures consistency
2. Role of a thesis statement	b) They provide context and support for primary research.
3. Benefits of using secondary sources	c) They provide context and support for primary research.
4. Purpose of referencing	d) It serves as the backbone of the essay’s argument.
5. Importance of following a specific referencing style	e) It aids in effective communication of ideas