

N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI  
END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2025M.A. ENGLISH LITERATURE(SF)  
SEMESTER : IIMAXIMUM MARKS: 75  
TIME : 3 HOURSPART - III  
24PEL2E1 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

## SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. What is the primary purpose of MLA documentation style?
  - a) To provide guidelines for academic formatting
  - b) To avoid plagiarism by giving credit to sources
  - c) To organize the bibliography in alphabetical order
  - d) To explain how to write essays and research papers
2. In an MLA citation, the author's name is typically listed in which order?
  - a) First name, last name
  - b) Last name, first name
  - c) Initials first, full name second
  - d) First name, middle name, last name
3. How should a person's name be written in the body of an MLA-formatted text?
  - a) Full name on first mention, last name thereafter
  - b) Only initials are used
  - c) Only the first name is used
  - d) Last name is used without any first name
4. In the Works Cited list, if there are two authors, how should their names appear?
  - a) First author's last name, first name, second author's first name, last name
  - b) First author's first name, last name, second author's last name, first name
  - c) Both authors' names in alphabetical order
  - d) Both authors' names in reverse order
5. How do you cite a source in-text if the author's name is mentioned in the sentence?
  - a) Only the page number in parentheses
  - b) The author's name in parentheses
  - c) The author's name and page number in parentheses
  - d) Only the author's name with no page number

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**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES**

6. What is Plagiarism?
7. Which part of the citation would include the year of publication?
8. How should a direct quote longer than four lines be formatted in MLA style?
9. Which punctuation mark is used to separate elements in the Works Cited list?
10. How do you cite indirect sources?

**SECTION – B (5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)****ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

11. a) Analyze the differences between intentional and unintentional plagiarism.

**(OR)**

- b) Explain why giving credit is important to original authors and researchers by documenting sources.
12. a) List the guidelines for formatting author names in work cited entries with example.

**(OR)**

- b) Explain In-Text citations? Give examples.
13. a) Evaluate the rules and conventions for presenting numbers, dates, and times in scholarly writing.

**(OR)**

- b) Analyse on the use and accuracy of quotations.
14. a) Explain how the use of abbreviations affect readability and consistency, and why is it important to use them correctly in formal research.

**(OR)**

- b) Discuss the rules for formatting titles in in-text citations and works cited entries, highlighting the differences between titles of books, articles, and other types of works. Why is it important to accurately format titles, and what impact can incorrect formatting have on the clarity of a research paper?
15. a) Explain how indirect sources be cited in MLA 8th edition when referencing numbers in in-text citation.

**(OR)**

- b) Explain what is the correct way to cite numbers in in-text citations when referencing indirect sources in MLA 8th edition?

**SECTION – C (5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)****ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

16. a) Discuss the consequences of plagiarism and its impact on academic integrity.

**(OR)**

- b) Discuss the significance of documenting sources in academic research and writing and how does it demonstrate respect for intellectual property and the work of others?

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17. a) List are the core elements of a Work Cited entry in MLA and explain the significance of each element.

**(OR)**

b) Examine are the guidelines for formatting page number, publishers and location information such as city, state and country in Work Cited Entries? Provide Examples.

18. a) Examine the conventions in quoting and documenting prose in academic writing- Illustrate with example?

**(OR)**

b) Discuss the purpose of using ellipsis in Quotation and how should it be formatted with example?

19. a) Analyze how elements like page numbers, volume and issue numbers, and URLs play a role in directing readers to specific sections of a source.

**(OR)**

b) Convert the following source information for each source to an MLA-style listing suitable for a Works Cited page. Underline the parts that is to be italicized.

- Author(s):** Don Tapscott and Anthony D. Williams **Book Title:** *Wanderstudy: How travel changes you*. **Publishing Information:** Cambridge University Press. 2006 **Pages quoted:** 145-146
- Title of article:** Out of **Author:** Karl Vick **Editor(s):** Sylvan Barnet, William Burto, and William E. Cain. **Title of magazine:** Time magazine **Other information:** Volume 185, No. 12, April 6, 2015. **Article pages:** 28-39
- Author:** Ella Griswold **Title:** The Fracturing of Pennsylvania **Website:** The New York Times Magazine **Date:** November 17, 2011 **Publisher/Sponsoring Company:** © 2015 The New York Times Company  
**URL:** [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/20/magazine/fracking-amwell-township.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/20/magazine/fracking-amwell-township.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)
- Author(s):** none **Website:** Food & Water Watch **Webpage** (section of the website): Fracking **Date:** none **Publisher/Sponsoring Company:** Food & Water Watch  
**URL:** <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/fracking/>

20. a) Discuss the title of a work be formatted differently depending on whether it is a book, article, or other type of source? Discuss the impact of formatting consistency on citation quality.

**(OR)**

b) Analyse how citation integrity styles have evolved to accommodate non-print sources in an era of abundant research and reference materials in digital format.

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