

PAPUA NEW GUINEA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CD 213: CRITICAL THINKING

SEMESTER 1 – 2020      FINAL EXAMINATION

TIME: 3 HOURS

EXAMINATION WEIGHTING – 40%

RAW SCORE: ..... /100

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. There are **five sections** (Section A, Section B, Section C, Section D & Section E) in this Exam with a total of **32 Questions**. **Specific Instructions** are given for each Question in each section.

| Section                         | QUESTIONS | Score |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| A – Multiple Choice             | 1 - 10    | 10    |
| B – True or False               | 11 - 20   | 10    |
| C – Short Answers               | 21- 29    | 35    |
| D- Paragraph Writing            | 30-31     | 20    |
| E- Reading and Writing ( essay) | 32        | 25    |
|                                 | Total     | 100   |

2. Read the questions carefully. You have 10 minutes.
3. Make an attempt to **answer all questions**.

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**Section A: Multiple Choice (10marks)**

**Read through each question. Choose the letter of the best answer that completes each sentence and write it on the answer sheet.**

1. Research showed that the brain is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_, but it has not shown that the brain is sufficient for thought

- A. thought
- B. taught
- C. mind
- D. All of the above

2. Feeling is never a good substitute for thinking because it is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. unreliable
- B. reliable
- C. believable
- D. unbelievable

3. Relativists claim that we leave all influences behind when we reach adulthood, but that denies the most fundamental principles of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Psychology
- B. Physiology
- C. Philosophy
- D. Sociology

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is not flawless but is influenced by our desires, interests, and expectations

- A. Prescription
- B. Presentation
- C. Perception
- D. Conception

5. When mind is seen as a blank slate where experience writes on, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. active
- B. safe
- C. unsafe
- D. passive

6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the science that evaluates arguments.

- A. Logic
- B. Illogic
- C. Evidence
- D. Judgment

7. Claims that act as \_\_\_\_\_ are called 'premises.'

- A. arguments
- B. judgments
- C. reasons
- D. Points

8. When we express \_\_\_\_\_ in formal speaking or writing, we should support it adequately.

- A. an opinion
- B. an argument
- C. a case
- D. a complaint

9. A critical thinker is a person who employs careful evaluation and testing of their thought \_\_\_\_\_ to determine if they are aligned with reality.

- A. processes
- B. products
- C. pictures
- D. perceptions

10. The expectation that the only reasonable view of any issue will be total affirmation or total rejection. This error rules out the possibility that the most reasonable view might lie between the extremes. To avoid this error, consider all possible \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. alternatives
- B. additives
- C. applications
- D. capabilities

**Section B: True /False (10 marks)**

**Instructions. Read each statement and write *True* for the statement that is true and *False* for the statement that is false.**

11. To overcome mindless conformity error, develop the habit of resisting the internal and external pressures and make up your own mind.
12. Absolutism is the belief that rules do not admit of exceptions. This belief causes us to demand that the truth be neat and simple, when in reality it is often messy and complex.
13. Critical thinkers must develop the habit of checking the quality and quantity of the evidence before forming an opinion.
14. Issue in the context of Critical Thinking means any matter about which people tend to disagree. It is synonymous with contradiction.
15. This is the meaning of “less is more” – aiming for depth rather than breadth.
16. Claims that act as reasons are called ‘premises.’
17. Assuming stifles curiosity and guessing denies the importance of evidence, therefore, neither of them is likely to lead to knowledge.
18. To admit you don’t know something shows good sense, restraint and emotional honesty.
19. History records numerous occasions where the expert opinions were wrong.
20. The social and psychological theories of our time also have an impact on our beliefs.

**Section C: Short answers (35 marks)**

**Read each question carefully. Answer each question. Write your answer on the answer sheet provided.**

21. Define conclusion in an argument ( 3)
22. Explain argument as a quarrel (3)
23. Identify the premise, claim and conclusion in the following. (3)
 

*The law prohibits teachers from leading class prayers in public schools.*  
*Wynona leads students in prayer in her public school classroom.*  
*Therefore, Wynona is breaking the law.*
24. What is ethnocentrism? (1)
25. What is the difference between brain and mind? (2)
26. Give a tip that can provide the quality of your opinion. (2)

27. List six errors of expression.(6)
28. Ask appropriate questions when evaluating a survey. Provide 5 example questions ( 5 marks)
29. Write 6 different questions using the Bloom's Taxonomy (lowest to highest level) from this picture below.( 10 marks)



*Image Credit: Ambelye*

**Section D: Paragraph writing (20 marks)**

**Read each question carefully. Write your answers on the answer sheet.**

30. Using critical thinking, write a paragraph or two on the following to correct this BIAS from America. That is; Americans generally see themselves as the number one and the best. They make hasty generalizations that are bias on some other parts of the world as shown. Explain with examples to correct that how they see others is not true. ( 10 marks)

## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO AMERICANS



*Image: Bennett, Tomlinson-Palmer, Campbell, Brown and Smith*

### 31. Using the information provided, write a paragraph or two expressing your opinion and justify in response to the following information.( 10marks)

Critical thinking is intended at reaching the best possible conclusions in any situation. In order to achieve this it must involve gathering and evaluating information from as many different sources possible. Critical thinking requires a clear, often uncomfortable, assessment of your personal strengths, weaknesses and preferences and their possible impact on decisions you may make. Critical thinking requires the development and use of foresight as far as this is possible. As Doris Day sang, "the future's not ours to see".

Implementing the decisions made arising from critical thinking must take into account an assessment of possible outcomes and ways of avoiding potentially negative outcomes, or at least lessening their impact. Critical thinking involves reviewing the results of the application of decisions made and implementing change where possible.

### Section E: Reading and Writing (Essay) (25marks)

#### **Instructions:**

Do the following;

1. Read the text on 'STATEMENT BY JAMES MARAPE, MP | Member for Tari Pori'
2. Respond to the text by reflecting and writing about a development issue or theme (topic) you feel that is mentioned in this text. This text or speech by the current prime minister of PNG was made before he was elected the prime minister. It is now almost a year now as a PM.
3. Answer the following question as you apply critical thinking skills in writing a short essay based on a topic or theme mentioned in the text by the PM.

32. *Question: Do you agree with what the prime minister is doing now to address the development issue? If he is or if he is not, explain your views and judgment in an essay. Support your views with examples and evidence.*

- Some guide questions:*
- *what development issue did he mention?*
  - *How has he addressed this issue so far?*
  - *Do you agree with what he is doing to address this issue? Why do you say that?*
  - *Is this issue prevalent in the community or village you come from?*
  - *Etc.*

#### **Text**

Title: STATEMENT BY JAMES MARAPE, MP | Member for Tari Pori

Via FB Post

Thursday, May 9, 2019

May I thank all PNGeans and especially families and people of the 50 firm leaders from the opposition side who rallied behind me as their alternative PM. I am humbled by this bestowment through great Melanesian consensus by all leaders in our Laguna camp.

Amongst 50 MPs of equal standing, I was chosen and for that my people of Hela and especially Pori Tari will be forever grateful, and what we offer is a truly authentic Melanesian leadership style where decisions at all levels are consensus and system based instead of individual inclinations.

As we set out to do, last Tuesday we lodge the Vote of no confidence motion to Parliament. And through the various motion moved by government, despite knowing we were short on numbers,

we contested the motions to tell the nation that we almost there and we were short by only 6 votes.

I know many good Members of Parliament are in the present government side, much more than the six I am looking for so I ask the public including those of us in the opposition side not to bash them. These MPs are going through moments of mental discernment and I am a hundred percent sure many of them will make it right at their own timing because circumstances vary amongst MPs, so let us respect their rights.

The 26 MPs who left with me the comforts of O'Neil government, may I say are Leaders of great courage and conviction. If money and power and privileges of a Minister cannot hold back them from government that is printing cheques as inducements, I am positive that mindset change has befall on many leaders mind especially the new generations of leaders who want to truly make the wealth of this blessed country and hence we rally on the catch cry of Honorable Garry Juffa, a great peer and compatriot of mine who has been preaching 'take back PNG' since 2012.

We join him and the strong 24 original opposition for this coalition of likeminded leaders now numbering 50 who want to fight for greater returns from our natural resources. Our country has oil, gas, gold, copper, nickel, timber, fish, coffee, copra, oil palm, vanilla, and edible organic agricultural produces, we have cultural, geographical and bio diversity for both recreational and niche tourism; yet we have been poor since 1975.

We facing 50 years of independence by 2025 and after consistent advises to PM O'Neil to change some of the resource laws we have in the country so that we can gain greater value from our resources, my advises continue to fall on deaf years, that's why I resigned especially at the back of Papua LNG project signing. I am now comforted to know many present leaders share my view to rise up and take back PNG's natural resources and add value to them.

The wind of change is surely blowing, and we may lose one battle now but this is a war of many battles that will go on well after the government is changed. The war of alleviating poverty from our midst will be going on for a long time but I believe it will be won and soldiers are needed in this long war.

A country so rich in assets yet so poor by all measures of development indexes and that is the war we are fighting. I believe O'Neil's mindset submits to corporate and individual business interest; and after 7 years of trying to shift his focus on policy changes in mining act, oil and gas act, forestry act, fisheries act, giving tax incentives to local based companies, specially focus on SME expansion, increase on local participation in business, he continues to yield towards foreign, corporate and individual interest.

Today I am told that police has been asked to look at myself and other leaders like Powi and Undialu for convoluted charges, PM PO is also working to freeze both Hela and SHP accounts and vindictively look into possibilities of suspending these provincial governments and may I say, we don't subscribe to treats and intimidations.



The name like Marape, Powi and Undialu lived in the Southern Highlands part of our country for centuries before white men and other names arrived, and these names will live on well after James and William and Philip are removed from our jobs as present day MPs. We fear no one except God, and if I am doing wrong only God will punish me and my compatriots. Our body may die but our spirits will be passed on to our younger brothers, sisters and children.

We knew our efforts to change government might be futile but based on principles and convictions we detached from cultural and tribal ties to carry the national interest. You can kill me now, and I may never be PM but the wind of mindset change has arrived. This is revolution I am starting, to shift of power from leaders before me to leaders who will come after me.

This war will go on with or without me, before me and Powi and Undialu and Manasse arrived in opposition, there was a Garry Juffa, there was a Dr Lino, a Lelang, a Kramer , a Bird and the list goes on, these army of fighters for their children rights will continue on and on and on until we make PNG the richest black Christian nation on earth!

On the 28th of May those of us in the alternate government will march to Parliament on the new Chinese government funded boulevard and I call on Speaker of Parliament not to tamper with the process as people will march with us to Parliament if they want to and if more than 56 Members of Parliament are marching with me, then I beg you to ensure Parliament process is run and not sabotaged as shown on the 7th of May.

This a revolution of mind set, we will not be subservient to individual, and corporate capitalist greed anymore. Take back PNG!

Hulukumaiya!

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**END OF EXAM!**

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