



PAC University

SPECIAL EXAM - UCC 103 – Research and Writing

INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTION ONE IN SECTION A IS COMPULSORY AND HAS 20 MARKS

SECTION B HAS 20 Marks. Choose two questions.

Question One

CRITICAL READING AND DOCUMENTATION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow (20 marks)

In the early afternoon of February 7, Bonhoeffer and a number of other important prisoners were taken from their cells. They were made to wait near two vans that would take them to the concentration camps at Buchenwald and Flossenburg. There were twenty men, all major players in the conspiracy. Bonhoeffer had just celebrated his thirty – ninth birthday in a Gestapo cell and now saw his first daylight in four months. For most of the prisoners, it had been far longer. Wherever they were headed, to be outdoors together lifted everyone’s spirits. It was clear the war was ending and Hitler was finished. Now they would take a long journey, two hundred miles south to Buchenwald, which was one of the Nazi centers of death. But it was not just a place where people died; it was a place where death was celebrated. Buchenwald and other camps like it throughout the Third Reich were living examples of the satanic worldview of the SS. In these places, weakness was preyed upon, and millions of people were cruelly abused and killed. Bonhoeffer spent seven weeks at Buchenwald concentration camp, but just outside it in a cold prison cellar that had previously been used as a military jail for the SS. Now it would hold seventeen rather remarkable prisoners. They were considered special because of their rank and position in society.

This excerpt is taken from the Book Bonhoeffer (Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy) written by Eric Metaxas in 2015, Published in Nashville by Thomas Nelson Publishers.

- (i) Explain the type of writing used in this excerpt. (2 marks)
- (ii) With a reason, identify a possible target audience for this excerpt. (2 marks)

- (iii) Show how you would cite this passage as a bibliography in your writing. (3 marks)
- (iv) If you were writing this article as a piece of Research, write a Thesis Statement in reference to the above. (3 marks)

SECTION B – Answer any Three Questions

Question Two

You have won a Research grant from PAC University to carry out a study on a topic of choice.

- i. Write an appropriate title for your study. (2 marks)
- ii. Explain the relationship between dependent and independent variables in your study. (4 marks)
- iii. Justify the sampling technique(s) you will apply in your study. (4 marks)

Question Three

Explain your understanding of each of the following terms as used in research and writing.

- i. Plagiarism (2 marks)
- ii. Note-taking (2 marks)
- iii. Skimming (2 marks)
- iv. Audience (2 marks)
- v. Literature review (2 marks)

Question Four

Write a one-page argumentative essay on the topic “Disaster preparedness in Kenya”. (10 marks)

Question Five

Explain **FIVE** ways that demonstrate how the Research and Writing course contributes to a student’s academic growth. (10 marks)