

PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL EXAMINATION 2015

UCC103: RESEARCH & WRITING

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH 2015

0900HRS – 1200HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This Exam Script contains **Five (5)** questions
- Answer question **One** and any other **Three** questions
- You may begin with any question, as long as you properly number them.
- Each question should be answered on a fresh page
- Write your student number on the answer booklet given

1) a) Define the following terms used in research and writing

a) Thesis statement (2 marks)

b) Plagiarism (2 marks)

- c) truncating (2 marks)
- d) Academic writing (2 marks)
- e) in-text citations (2 marks)

b) Discuss briefly five advantages of information literacy (10 marks)

2)a) what five factors should one consider when constructing an informed argument in preparation to writing an academic paper (10 marks)

b) Identify the **five** online searching techniques. (10 marks)

3)a) Discuss briefly **four** reasons why referencing is important in any academic writing (8 marks)

b) Discuss briefly any three different types of online sources (6 marks)

c) Mention **six** sources of information for any scholar interested in academic writing (6 marks)

4)a) Discuss briefly **five** considerations that an academic writer should make in terms of style and format requirements (10 marks)

b) Identify **four** ways through which an academic writer can avoid plagiarism (4 marks)

c) Mention **six** characteristics of a well-written academic paper (6 marks)

5) Using examples from your area of specialization describe the process of writing a term paper. (20 marks)