



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
DIPLOMA
END OF TERM EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: UCC103 – ROYSAMBU DAY

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH & WRITING

EXAM DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH 2016

TIME: 9.00AM -12.00 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Question **ONE** is compulsory
2. Choose ANY two more questions
3. Do not write on the margin

Question 1

- a). Define the following terms as used in academic writing
 - i) Compare/contrast
 - ii) Apply
 - iii) Evaluate/critique
 - iv) Discuss
 - v) Argue (10mks)
- b) Explain how you achieve objectivity in scholarly writing (4mks)
- c) . Discuss three features used in academic writing ,clearly with examples (6mks)

Question 2

- a)The main reason for narrowing down your topic is to ensure it is manageable. Explore four ways how this can be done (8mks)
- b)Explain three purposes of engaging in academic writing (6mks)
- c)What are the three steps in creating a problem statement (6mks)

Question 3

- a)Explain five types of research sources (10mks)
- b)What are the criteria you use to evaluate internet sources (10mks)

Question 4

- a)Suggest four ways on how to avoid plagiarism (4mks)
- b)What is the process of taking notes in writing process (6mks)
- c)Discuss five ways of taking notes (10mks)

Question 5

- a)Discuss five aspects of style to consider in writing (15mks)
- b)Explain how you can store your notes (5mks)

Question 6

- 1. Explain five ways you will use to create cohesive paragraphs (15mks)
- 2. Why is referencing (citation)your sources important (5mks)