



**Course Code:** UCC 103

**Course Title:** Research and Writing

**Number of students:** 62

**Campus:** Roysambu Campus, Day.

**Semester:** September –December 2021

**Lecturer:** F. Maina Mararo

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Instructions:** Section A is Compulsory. Answer any three questions from Section B.

### **Section A**

#### **Question One**

- a. Justify two ways research and writing unit is relevant to you. (2 marks)
- b. Describe two reasons why you should conduct research before writing. (2marks)
- c. Explain three ways a reference style is important in research and writing. (3 marks)
- d. Give a brief critique of the way research shapes writing. (3 marks)

### **Section B**

**Answer any three questions.**

#### **Question Two**

- a) Using examples, explain three main ways that you can use to find a good research topic to write a term paper. (6marks)
- b. Discuss two reasons why it is important to have a good plan before embarking on research writing. (4 marks)

#### **Question Three**

- a) Assume you are research and writing expert; discuss three ways you would use to evaluate whether a research topic is good or not. (6marks)

- b) Discuss two negative things that research writers should avoid if they want to come up with a good thesis/term paper. (4marks)

**Question Four**

As a student who has learnt and acquired knowledge and skills in research and writing;

- (i) Advise a writer who has just completed their first draft of the document. (5 marks)
- (ii) Briefly describe how the writer above can gain immediate attention of audiences for the document written? (5 marks)

**Question Five**

- a. Discuss three aspects you would consider as editing strategies for specific problems in a research paper. (5 marks)
- b. Briefly explain how you would edit sentence structure in a term paper. (5 marks)