



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

END OF TERM EXAMINATION

UCC103: RESEARCH & WRITING

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2014

0800HRS – 1100HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This exam paper has **Two** Sections **A & B**
- Answer **All** Questions in Section **A** and **Any One** Question in Section **B**
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.

Answer **ALL** Questions in Section A and any other **ONE** Question in Section B.

SECTION A

Qn 1. ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING (20 marks)

Write an argumentative essay that is approximately 450 words in length on one of the topics given below.

- i) The government should not increase funding in county governments.
- ii) Taxes on essential commodities like foodstuffs should be abolished to make them affordable for all.

Qn 2a) DOCUMENTATION (15 marks)

Arrange the following entries as they would appear in the list of references using the APA style of referencing.

Authors: John M. Swales, Martin R. Heritage

Year: 2000

Title: Genre Analysis

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Place: Cambridge

Author: Stella Cotrell

Journal title: Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences

Article title: An investigation of news interview discourse

Year: (2010)

Issue: 3

Volume: 5

Page: 30 -45

Author: Patience Amani
Newspaper: The Daily Nation
Article: Devolution Wrangles: Where do we go wrong?
Date: 2nd October 2014
Page: 14

Author: Hope Joy
Year: (2014)
Text type: Unpublished M.A dissertation
Title: Language Acquisition among children with speech disorders.
Place: Nairobi
University: Pan African Christian University

Authors: Ben Nyongesa, Caleb Kirui, Jane Mulwa, Pauline N. Mwangi
Year: (2004).
Title: Church and Politics
Place: Great Britain
Edition: third
Publisher: Brookcraft Ltd.

Qn 2b) Imagine you were reading a book on education for all and you came across the following quotation:

“One of the most determinants of education quality for girls is the presence of a female teacher. A higher number of female teachers are desirable for many reasons, not least because women in positions of authority represent role models.”

The quotation appeared on page 15 in a book entitled education a gender parity. It was published by Oxford Publishers in Nairobi in 2012.

In two different ways, show how you would use the material above as a direct quote and correctly acknowledge the source using the APA documentation style. (5 marks)

SECTION B

Question Three: PARAGRAPH DEVELOPMENT (20 marks)

Imagine you are invited to give a talk on ‘the role of the citizens in fighting corruption.’ Write the following for the speech:

- i) An Outline
- ii) An introductory Paragraph

- iii) One developmental Paragraph
- iv) One concluding Paragraph

Your paragraphs should reflect the following aspects:

- a) Appropriate thesis statement
- b) Cohesion
- c) Unity

Question Four: REPORT WRITING (20 marks)

Imagine you are the chair of the development committee in your county and you are currently constructing a multipurpose hall in county headquarters .You require funding by the county government to be able to complete the project. Write a progress report to the finance officer in the county and include the following aspects:

- i) Title
- ii) Introduction
- iii) Work completed
- iv) Work in Progress
- v) Work Remaining
- vi) Appraisal

Question 5: PROPOSAL WRITING (20MARKS)

Imagine you are the chair of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) in your Constituency and you wish to introduce a feeding programme in the public primary schools in your area to retain as many pupils in schools as possible. Write a brief practical proposal to your Member of and include the following aspects:

- i) Cover page
- ii) Problem
- iii) Proposal
- iv) Justification
- v) Expected outcome
- vi) Conclusion
- vii) Signing off