

PAC UNIVERSITY

END OF SEPT-DEC SEMESTER 2024 EXAMINATION

DEPARTMENT : COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS
COURSE CODE : UCC 103
COURSE TITLE : RESEARCH AND WRITING-EVE/ONLINE
TIME : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- ***Answer Question ONE and any Other THREE Questions***

SECTION A

Question One Compulsory

The Role of the Church in Kenyan Politics through Social Justice and Christ's Prophetic Office

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There is a sad political picture in Africa characterized by personal interest, inequality, division and injustice. The need for positive change and social transformation has become increasingly urgent, Kenya is not an exception. Amongst the many institutions which actively worked towards addressing these challenges were civil societies, non-governmental organizations and the Church in Kenya and more so members of the clergy like Rev. Timothy Njoya, Bishop Henry Okullu and Bishop Ndingi Mwana Nzeki just to mention but a few, who between 1987 to 2007, played a significant role in advocating for human rights and justice, equality, diversity, access, participation, and compassionate governance.

Unfortunately, since the 1997 post-election violence in Kenya, the clergy and the church have not been as vocal as they were on the concerns and issues that seemed to affect the welfare of the citizens, failing to criticize the National Rainbow coalition, the Jubilee Alliance and the current Kenya Kwanza government. They appear as if they have been compromised, muted or they cannot generate any uproar to elicit national level dialogue on pertinent issues. During the 2022 elections, the clergy and even some churches openly declared their preferred candidates giving cryptic prophesies on who would be the next president, some even went ahead to ceremoniously anoint them as the God chosen leaders for Kenya. Clergy who appeared to be neutral were ostracized and disdained outrightly or shunned altogether.

The current president of Kenya, his wife and the former Deputy President's wife, who is a pastor, have brandished their Christian faith. Due to this unusual display of their Christian faith, the clergy seems to have become oblivious to the social injustices committed in government. This is further cemented by the general public's perception that the clergy and government are one. The church being the moral yardstick for society, has to reignite the post-colonial role of the church in fighting for social justice as witnessed in the early 1990s. In addition, the church should explore the prophetic role of the church in the realms of politics through the lenses of social justice and to generate insights and potential solutions for creating a more equitable and compassionate society. Based on initial observations and existing literature, there is a strengthened prophetic role of the church in politics and social justice will foster a more compassionate and just society without compromising the position of the church. By calling attention

to systemic inequalities and advocating for compassionate policies, the church can play a crucial role in shaping public discourse, policy formulation, and actions that address socio-political challenges....

- a) Explain **THREE** ways the write-up above is a relevant argumentative essay you can write in research and writing class.
(3Marks)
- b) Assess **THREE** ways you can use critical reading knowledge in understanding the essay above. **(3Marks)**
- c) Using the example above, discuss **FOUR** ways used by the author to achieve rhetoric stance in the write-up. **(4Marks)**

SECTION B-Answer any Three

Question Two

Assume that you have been approached by another student who is in need of research and writing skills. Using relevant examples, describe to him/her **FIVE** ways the principle of audience engagement is important in research and writing.

(10Marks)

Question Three

Using the information provided below, use APA 7th edition referencing style to prepare the bibliographic elements that are required in order to create a reference list for a book.

- i) *3rd edition , 2002 , Kolb D, Inkson K, Management-Perspectives for New Zealand , Auckland , Pearson* **(3Marks)**
- ii) *Algorithms of oppression: How search engines reinforce racism, York University Press New , Noble, S. U. , 2018* **(3Marks)**
- iii) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2016.07.043> , Monchiero, M., & Trevisan, M., A., (2016). A novel fuzzy expert system to assess the sustainability of the viticulture at the wine-estate scale. Lamastra, L., Balderacchi, M., Di Guardo, *Science of the Total Environment*, 572, 724-733

(4Marks)

Question Four

- a) Describe **TWO** skills you would apply to avoid biases and logical fallacies while writing an academic writing assignment.
(4Marks)
- b) Using **THREE** reasons, justify why academic writers use documentation styles like APA in their writing.
(6Marks)

Question Five

As a research and writing expert, demonstrate **FIVE** ways you can use to advise a learner on how to differentiate between editing and proofreading a final draft of their assignment.

(10Marks)

