

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2011

TITLE OF PAPER: ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS: English for Specific Purposes (ESP)

COURSE NUMBER: ACS 103

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. There are three Sections in this exam (A-C) Answer THREE questions (ONE question from each section)
2. Please write the name of your Faculty on the cover of your answer book

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SECTION A ESSAY WRITING (40 marks) (Questions a-d)

Write an essay of not more than two pages on **ONE** of the following topics:

- a. Discuss the effects of corruption on the economy of a country.
- b. Drawing examples from the use of the cell phone and the internet, discuss advantages and disadvantages of mobile communication.
- c. Many people believe that women make better parents than men and that this is why women have a greater role in raising children in most societies. Others claim that men are as good as women at parenting. Write an essay expressing your point of view.
- d. Sometimes things that go wrong can lead us to new and better paths. Write an essay expressing your views on this.

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SECTION B: REPORT/BUSINESS PLAN (40 marks) (Questions e-h)

Choose ONE from the topics below and write a report.

- e. Technicians in the main computer laboratory have reported an increase in the disappearance of computer hardware. On 15th April, 2011 your lecturer in Computer Foundation Course asked you to investigate and report on how this loss happens and how it can be prevented. You are to submit a report of not more than two pages on 3rd May, 2011.
- f. Your community has recently embarked on a farming project to grow and sell sweet potatoes in order to improve the lives of the people there. The cost of the project is E200, 000.00 (Two hundred thousand Emalangeni. Pick and Pay Stores has offered to underwrite the cost of the project only if your community will submit a viable business plan to its management. Prepare a business plan of not more than two pages to be forwarded to the management of Pick and Pay.
- g. There has been a flood in Chindyan, a district in a low-lying area. You are a news editor of a local newspaper. Your reporter has just phoned giving you an account of the scene. The following are your rough notes:

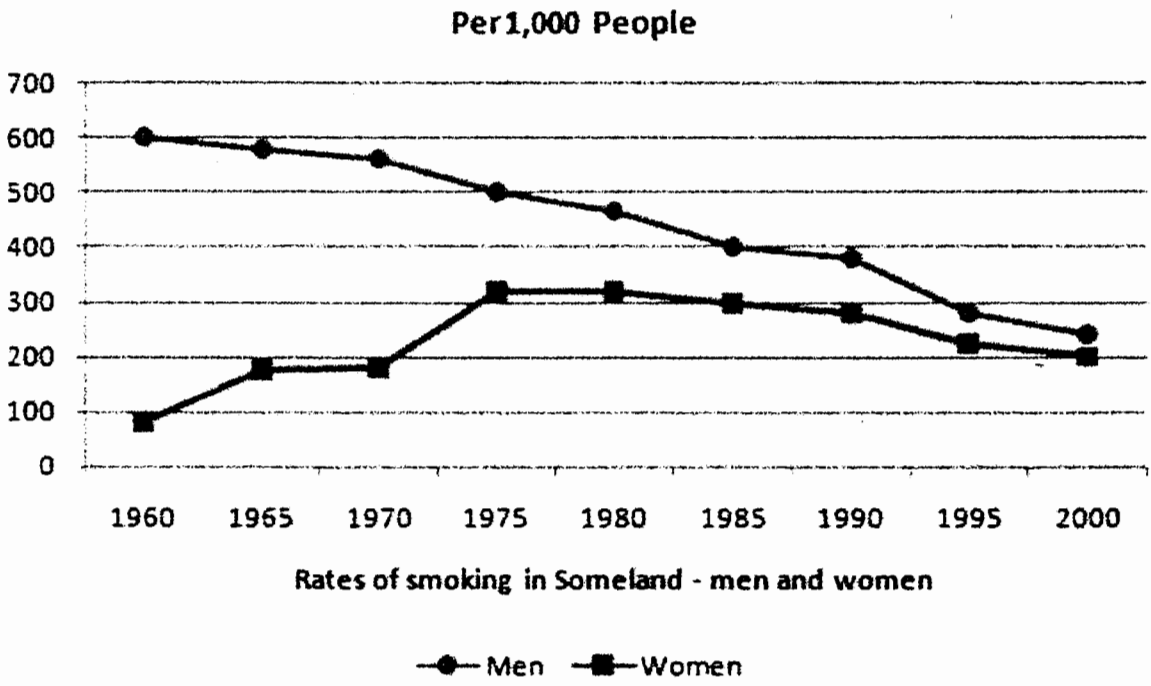
Chaos everywhere – water still rising – streets under one metre of water – villages destroyed – bodies of dead animals floating about – vehicles abandoned – no electricity or telephone – thousands made homeless – some flood victims evacuated – others trapped – army and police in rescue operation – airlift of food and clothing to victims – some deaths by drowning.

Rearranging and expanding the above notes as necessary, and adding any further relevant details you wish, write, in not more than two pages, a newspaper account of the incident. Then give your report an eye-catching headline.

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h. You are a member of the Council on Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs (COSAD) .The sponsors for the activities of this non- governmental organisation have asked you to give a report on the rate of smoking between men and women from 1960 to 2000. In not more than two pages, write this report using the information in the graph below.



SECTION C: PROFESSIONAL WRITING-Letter/Memorandum (20 marks) (Questions a-d)

Write a Letter /Memorandum on **ONE** of the following topics:

- a. Put the case that as the Human Resource Manager at the Swaziland Stock Exchange, you have been directed to organize a three –day workshop/ programme on any aspects of the stock market for a specified group of persons. Write a sales promotional letter of not more than one and a half pages inviting interested people to apply for the programme.
- b. Write a letter to your honourable Member of Parliament and suggest projects that your community can undertake to uplift the lives of financially disadvantaged families.
- c. Write a letter to the editor in which you describe three things you would like to change in your culture.
- d. You have noticed that the electricity supply in the university library is unreliable. Write a memo to the Librarian and copy the Student Representative Council urging her to resolve the issue.