

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2012/ 2013

TITLE OF PAPER: ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH FOR
SPECIFIC PURPOSES (ESP)

COURSE NUMBER: ACS 103

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write the name of your Faculty and Programme on the cover of your answer book.

2. Answer TWO Questions: one from Question 1 and one from Question 2.

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE PAGES INCLUDING THE
COVER PAGE.

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GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1: ESSAY WRITING

(60 marks)

Choose one of the following topics and write an essay of about 400 words.

- a. Argue for or against the idea that pregnant girls should be allowed to continue their education without interruption.
- b. The media can break or make you. Do you agree with this statement?
- c. The judiciary system seems to be failing to deal with crime in your country. What are your views?
- d. Corruption is a cancer that has no cure. Argue for or against this statement.
- e. Suggest ways in which the government of your country can increase its foreign direct investment (FDI).

QUESTION 2: PROFESSIONAL WRITING

(40 marks)

Choose one of the following topics and write a letter or a memorandum of about 250 words.

- a. You ordered designer made jeans by mail order and paid the company through your bank. However, you have since established that the company has closed down. Write a letter to your bank manager asking him to stop the payment.
- b. Write a letter to the Prime Minister describing the violence that has gripped the Swazi society. Suggest solutions to the problem.
- c. You have observed that there is gender bias in televised sports. Write a letter to the Minister of Sports in which you express your concern.
- d. Think about a problem which you have either experienced or observed as a student at this university. Write a memo in which you suggest some changes that are intended to overcome that problem. Explain why you think these changes would be helpful. Direct your memo to the Dean of Students Affairs and send copies to the Dean of your Faculty/ Director of Institute of Distance Education.
- e. Students have complained about the quality of food and services provided by the on- campus catering service. Students have brought these complaints to your attention as the Students Representative Council (SRC). Assuming that you are the Secretary General of the SRC, write a memorandum to the Domestic Bursar about these problems. Also offer suggestions on how the food quality and services can be improved. Copy the memo to the Dean of Student Affairs.