

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2011/ 2012

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. There are Two Sections (A and B). Answer TWO Questions (ONE from each section).**

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

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GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR.

**SECTION 60 Marks**

**ESSAY WRITING**

Write an essay of not more than 500 words on one of the following topics:

- a. "With the development of globalisation and free trade, borders between countries are melting." Discuss.
- b. Identify and discuss **two** scientific/ technological innovations that have had a great impact on human society. Your discussion should make clear the benefits, limitations and risks that come with these developments.
- c. Evaluate the effects of the "*Soka unco*be" (circumcision) campaign by the Ministry of Health in Swaziland.
- d. Do you agree that learning is best carried out in an environment of order, strict discipline and comparative silence? Discuss.
- e. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Television, newspapers, magazines and other media pay too much attention to the personal lives of famous people such as public figures and celebrities." Use specific examples to support your stand.
- f. Tuberculosis (TB) is a common communicable disease. Discuss some of the challenges in the prevention and treatment of TB in Swaziland.

**SECTION B**

40 Marks

**PROFESSIONAL WRITING: - Letter / Memorandum**

Write a letter of not more than 250 words on one of the following topics:

- a. You are a concerned citizen; write a letter to the minister of finance advising him on how to prioritize on the national budget. In the letter give him priority areas and explain how you arrived at the priorities.
- b. Your concern is that too many accidents are caused by drunk drivers. Write a letter to the prime minister in which you suggest that drunk drivers should be imprisoned on the first offence.

Write a **memorandum** of not more than 250 words on **one** of the following topics:

- c. Imagine you are the person in charge of preparing the budget for the university (UNISWA). Write a memo to the Vice Chancellor, who is ultimately responsible for decision-making, advising him on what needs to be done to cut the cost of running the institution.
- d. You are the general manager of a big company that employs over 100 workers. The company wants to introduce a new policy of flexible hours to accommodate family responsibilities. Write a memo to the staff, detailing the policy and inviting input in the form of comments and suggestions on the policy to be sent to the Human Resource Department.