

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY 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.

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER IS NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION IS
GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR.

SECTION A

60 Marks

ESSAY WRITING

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

- a. If we are under the age of 30 and want a healthy life, we should definitely get a bicycle instead of a car. Discuss.
- b. Discuss the relationship between global warming and food scarcity.
- c. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. Use specific examples to support your stand.
- d. University students have a choice of accommodation. They may choose to live in private accommodation or they may choose to live in university accommodation. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of living in university accommodation and living in private accommodation.
- e. "Education is an invisible part of the prosperity of a nation." Discuss your views on this statement.
- f. Discuss the role of the media in improving health standards.

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 angry and very concerned about the bullying that your child is subjected to in the school hostel. Write a letter to the Principal of the school where your child is enrolled.
- b. Write a letter for publication in a local newspaper expressing your opinion on **one** of the following:
 - i. charity work
 - ii. the bus services in your community
 - iii. caring for the aged
 - vi. the health care system

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

- c. You have observed that there is a constant delay in the supply of books by the University Bookshop. Write a Memo to the Bookshop Student Representative and suggest ways to solve the problem. Copy the Memo to the SRC President.
- d. You are the secretary of UNISWA Charity Organisation (UNICO) and you are planning next academic year's programme. Write a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor inviting him to give a talk to the members on what will be the first meeting of the year. Give some details of the work of UNICO and what you are including in the programme as this will help in the planning of the talk.