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

COURSE CODE: **ACS112/103**

TIME ALLOWED: **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS: **WRITE NAME OF YOUR FACULTY AND PROGRAMME**
ON THE COVER OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET

THE QUESTION PAPER CONTAINS TWO SECTIONS (A and
B). ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION

TOTAL MARKS: 100

This paper contains 10 pages, including the cover page.

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SECTION A - ESSAY WRITING

[60 Marks]

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2Question 1

The excerpts below present contexts where same sex marriages are officially recognised (South Africa) or outlawed (Eswatini and Uganda). The glaring similarities amongst these three countries is that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) community faces numerous challenges regardless of whether they are recognised or not. In about 300 - 400 words (1½ – 2 pages), discuss these challenges as presented in both legal and illegal instances. Suggest ways in which the Kingdom of Eswatini could accommodate all citizens irrespective of their sexual orientation.

Excerpt 1**The LGBT Heroes Fighting to Hold the First Ever Pride in Eswatini**By Tim Teeman: Adapted from *The Daily Beast* (April 04, 2018)

LGBT activists in Swaziland are planning to hold the country's inaugural Pride march and festival in June, and they hope it will help change anti-gay laws, hearts, and minds. In the last week of June, LGBT activists in Swaziland hope to make history by holding the African country's first ever Pride march and festival. Advocacy group, The Rock of Hope, told *The Daily Beast* it is in the process of submitting an application to march and then hold a picnic or gathering in a park in the city of Mbabane.

In Eswatini, homosexuality is described as "an abnormality, satanic, and a sickness." Male homosexuality is outlawed in the southern African country. LGBT couples cannot marry or adopt children, and there are no LGBT bars or LGBT-specific gathering places in the country. The June event would be the first time for LGBT people to gather en masse. An anti-sodomy law is still on the statute books.

Mr Simelane, the Communications Manager for The Rock of Hope, told *The Daily Beast* that the LGBT community cannot hide forever. They need visibility. He believes that the parade will create safe spaces for the LGBTs within the Swati community where owners of gay bars would open and operate such with no fear of backlash. Simelane believes that this could be possible if the LGBT community garners the support of local businesses, artists and Eswatini as a community. It all starts here, with visibility.

Excerpt 2**Kasha Nabagesera: The face of Uganda's LGBTQ movement**By Bianca Britton: Adapted from *CNN* (March 7, 2017)

In Uganda, where homosexual acts are punishable by prison sentences, being openly gay requires an astounding amount of courage. Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera is not only incredibly open about her sexuality, she has made fighting for the rights of Uganda's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community her life's work.

And it has not been easy. She limits communication with strangers to shield her from daily harassment and serious threats. The activist says she has repeatedly been evicted from rented homes because her neighbours don't condone her sexuality and, due to fear of being attacked, she does not use public transport or walk the streets alone.

But to continue her fight against homophobia in Uganda, Nabgesera says it is a price worth paying. Nabagesera spent most of her school years trying to avoid suspensions and expulsions. In the subsequent years, Nabagesera says she received countless suspensions and expulsions from various schools as her sexual orientation became increasingly apparent.

But it was while she was studying accounting at Nkumba University that she started to feel particularly targeted. She was made to sign a memorandum of understanding with the university administration that she would start dressing like a '*proper*' woman and had to report every day to show them that. She says she was forbidden from wearing baseball caps and any other clothes that were considered to be for boys. She was not allowed within a 100 meters of the female students' dormitory rooms.

Excerpt 3**LGBT community still faces high levels of violence - report**By Michael Morris: Adapted from *News24* (December 4, 2017)

"We're queer and we are here!" is the declarative title of a new report on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) South Africans which reveals that while tolerance is rising, being part of this at least 800 000-strong community often comes at devastating, sometimes fatal, cost.

A staggering four out of ten LGBT South Africans know of someone who has been murdered "for being or suspected of being" lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Black members of this community are twice as likely (49%) as white respondents (26%) to know of someone who was murdered on these grounds. The risks are particularly high for black LGBT people in rural areas.

The research, drawing on a range of sources, is contained in the latest monthly edition of Fast Facts released today by the Centre for Risk Analysis at the South African Institute of Race Relations (IRR). The report acknowledges "a growing trend" of tolerance and "open-

mindedness". A majority of South Africans support constitutional protections for LGBT people and display high levels of tolerance for their gay neighbours, while, across Africa, younger and better-educated people are increasingly tolerant. However, the greater emphasis is on the discrimination against and risks confronted by LGBT people. IRR notes that while LGBT rights are entrenched in South Africa's Constitution, this protection "is not always guaranteed".

Intolerance measured in the research ranges from verbal insults and threats of physical violence to being chased or followed, having objects thrown at them, personal property and possessions being damaged or destroyed, being punched, hit, kicked or beaten, experiencing violence or physical abuse from a family member.

Question 2

The gospel faces a crisis as recent events in the media have shown pastors resurrecting the dead, making congregants eat grass and some of them going to the extent of calling God from their cell phones in front of church members. **Read the two excerpts below and in not more than 300-400 words (1½ – 2 pages), argue whether you believe these are revelatory times or the Gospel has become a mockery of the Christian Faith.**

Excerpt 1**GOSPEL NOW COMMERCIAL**

Written by Sibonginkosi Mamba: Adapted from *The Times of Swaziland* (March 17, 2019)

Proverbially, a cat has nine lives. Now let me declare early on that I am hopeless when it comes to arithmetic, however, in my poor math, it means the proverbial cat will or can only meet its maker only after the ninth death.

There is a certain gentleman from Zimbabwe. His name is Brighton Moyo. He worships a certain god at Alleluia International Ministries under the leadership of one Alph Lukau. The said Lukau, it would appear, enjoys the status of a cult personality there. He is an idolised icon and as a result he is revered. Lukau is also dripping money, if I may add, to pay his cast members.

Moyo and the proverbial cat have something in common. They are privileged to have more than one life. That is the reason Moyo decided to 'die' only to come back to life in front of cameras as the modern-day Lazarus. Brighton allegedly woke up from the dead after Lukau, prayed for him. He is incredibly talented.

According to the news, it was not the first time Moyo pulled a hair-raising stunt. At some point he was in a wheel-chair and again his master, Lukau, allegedly prayed for him and his limbs were restored. He could move again. At only 29 years of age, this can only mean Moyo still has more shocks in his bag. He is very talented and he is still going to shock the naïve.

Since he has tasted the blood of death, he could emulate the cat. He might just demand more deaths between now and his last death. I do not know the language Lukau was speaking on set on the day of the act, but I can bet that whatever the language he spoke, it was in monosyllables that were understood by the two of them only in that crowd. The intention was to portray Lukau as a servant of the Most High, a minister who could prove that God dwells in such busy-bodies. Unfortunately for them, it was not to be. We are very grateful that they failed in their attempt. Dismal at that.

Now one hopes Lukau and Moyo repent and turn from their wicked ways. Otherwise like cancer, such stunts will ravage their already battered persona until they accept Jesus Christ as

their Saviour. I am very sure that just like poachers, there are others, who are planning to premiere their own act and succeed where Lukau has failed. We want to assure them that they will fall hard. Their fall will thunder so loudly in our ears that even those asleep will wake up and take notice. We are conscious that they are prepared to go out of their way in a bid to embarrass themselves simply because they evilly love money. Their actions are not a threat to the truth that is in the Bible.

These dim-witted men of shame should know that in these last days some of us will strive to move beyond fear as a national or international paralysis. We are quite aware that they are opportunists who are riding on the crest of fright that they want only to purge in tents and corners to induce submission on the men of little faith which they talked about ages ago. We will scrutinise the Bible to look for God's wisdom. The Holy Spirit will be the captain who will steer our ship of faith through the treacherous waters of cult-following. We know our God is honest and directs in a way that will put these scoundrels and their followers to deep and indelible shame. This is no time for sweet-talk or mincing of words. We must face the stark truth that the gospel faces a crisis as deep and dangerous as any in our history with its commercialisation.

We may be shaken and dispirited but we can draw courage in the fact that the Bible warned us about the end of times (**Matthew 24**). Sad and shocking as it must be to stare down to so sobering a reality, we must unflinching and unbreakable because it will be tested every day of our lives as we walk on this planet. We humans are just mortal beings wracked with knowledge that we are forever doomed to fall short in our aspirations, but also forever soaring with fresh hope that at the crack of dawn, we will start anew.

Excerpt 2**THE MESSAGE OF GOSPEL NOT A SPEECH**

Written by Apostle Lydia E'elyon: Adapted from the *Sunday Times of Swaziland* (March 17, 2019)

“As surely as the LORD lives, I will say only what the LORD tells me” 1 Kings 22:14.

It was a very hot day, under the blurring heat; I put on my spectacles to watch very clearly. I stood on top of a rock, far away from the scene. And there I saw people coming in one by one; and sat under a much beautified spotless tent. They became a crowd of about 100 people. Is it a prayer service? The music theme announced the purpose of the gathering: Ok, it is a worldly birthday party. Well who cares?

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) announced that it was a time for the ‘Man of God.’ Ok, Man of God? The Man of God gave his speech. The very same people said, ‘Amen.’ Good! But the moment he finished speaking, the party even took its power. Somebody grabbed the microphone from the MC and announced: “Yeyeh! DJ we did not gather here to cry, but to celebrate life! Give us more volume and play that number.” There was a very high pitch of the sounds. I saw all styles of dance you never imagined in the presence of a man of God. Some of these sweating it out their dance move were Christians.

They danced to the song that worships the dead: “*Asiphelelanga kushoda so so*”...They continued to dance and got drunk of liquor until midnight as though defying God. “Do not give dogs what is sacred: do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces **Matthew 7:6**.”

By the time I climbed down the rock from where I was watching, my eyes were painful, but thanks to my spectacles, at least I saw everything. My heart was rant. Then I began to ask the Lord about what I saw. What was the purpose of the speech of the Man of God at that worldly gathering? And the Lord said to me: “See, the message of the Gospel is not a speech. Neither are my servants supposed to be honourable speakers in such events.”

You are not speakers but you are messengers from above that must deliver my message on time; not speeches that befit agendas of man’s programmes. “I will sent my messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty in **Malachi 3:1**

The kingdom of God has a language of communication and methods to apply on platforms so that it remains dignified. But today most preachers of the Gospel have turned themselves into speakers to deliver speeches to fit particular worldly event. Did you know that every worldly event has its own rituals and models? Before you went there, they already finished their dedications to their false gods.

In these times of refreshing; as a child or servant of God, you must not be a sell out to these false worshipers like this priest: "And Micah said to him, 'Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you 10 pieces of silver and a suit of clothes and your living.' And the Levite priest went in." **Judges 17:10.**

How many times have you answered a call to go and speak as a man or woman of God in events hosted by pagans? Did they change after your preaching? But they at least are satisfied that you are under their control and you are their pastor. A pastor for false worshipers really? God forbid 'O'. False worshipers will cause you to speak the word and pray according to their demands. Unless you are one of them. They speak what they think will fit the situation event. And you wonder why people are not imparted with change after that. No one repents, no one is healed. True miracles follow to confirm the message of the Gospel but not speeches. Speeches produce pride.

Many times people clap hands for speaker's speeches, but immediately very few remember all that beautiful speech. And so you go home with your reward: 'Hand claps' and handshakes – without pleasing God.

These are revelatory times that will surpass theologies and religion. The Holy Spirit revelatory commands and teachings break all seals and meaning of the Word behind the code to set people free for free. Yes He sent forth His word to set us free not to manipulate our minds.

SECTION B – PROFESSIONAL WRITING

40 Marks

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2**Question 1**

Read the following job advertisement from The Careers Group of Companies and write a covering letter or ONE of the casual vacancies listed.

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Experience: Would be an added advantage

Knowledge and Skills: Organisational skills, Interpersonal skills, Basic computer skills and any other information that would be useful in the consideration of the application.

Remuneration: To be communicated with successful applicants

Closing date: 17 June, 2019

Send your application letter to the Human Resources Manager, Dr John Smith.

Question 2

You are a tenant at Slumville Flats. The roof of your flat leaks. Four months ago, you wrote a letter to your landlord and reported the problem. You also made a follow up phone call. The Secretary at the Office acknowledged receipt of your letter and promised to come to your flat the following day. To date, nothing has been done.

Write a letter of complaint to the landlord about this issue.