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INSTITUTE OF DISCTANCE EDUCATION  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
MAIN EXAMINATION  
2008**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

**CODE        E4P7**

**TIME ALLOCATED: 3HRS**

**TOTAL MARKS: 60 MARKS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. ANSWER 3 QUESTIONS IN ALL**
- 2. WRITE CLEARLY**

**Do not open this paper until the invigilator tells you to do so**

### Question 1

Define the roles of the student and the teacher in an ESP classroom. Try to be as explicit as possible and don't forget to talk about the role of **both** the teacher and the student, not just one or the other. (20)

### Question 2

Give an in-depth discussion of the basic factors that have led to the emergence of ESP courses. ESP has acquired international scope. Explain why this is so. (20)

### Question 3

Define an ESP course by discussing some of its principal characteristics. Your discussion should include both absolute and variable qualities. (20)

### Question 4

**Read the following profile of a prospective ESP student. Analyse the target needs of the student. Use a chart to show both the subject and objective necessities, lacks and wants of the students. Discuss any conflict that might arise between the teacher and the student. How would you solve these conflicts? Make sure that you not only show your answer in chart form, but that you also interpret you chart. An ASO is not required for this question.**

#### Profile: Needs Analysis

Jose dos Santos is a road engineer with Nyatsi Superfos Road Constructors. He has a need to read texts in English. He also needs to talk to the company's board of directors occasionally on any progress made. The company has not only employed Swazis but Portuguese like Jose. This certainly makes English the compulsory language used. His boss wants him to give the staff correct and precise instructions so that there are no distortions or mistakes made in the road construction. As such, they want his to attend English classes to improve his oral proficiency. Santos has to read maps and road signs. As he is Portuguese, his is not familiar with some English words. Santos, therefore, sees improving his reading proficiency as the paramount need.

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### Question 5

- a) Discuss the five (5) steps necessary in the development of an ESP course. Your discussion should show how each step links to the other.
- b) What are the five key roles of the ESP practitioner?

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