



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

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BA/BSC FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2021/2022
UGRC 110 ACADEMIC WRITING I (3 CREDITS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WRITE YOUR INDEX NUMBER, GROUP NUMBER, AND/OR LECTURER'S NAME ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.**
- **THE PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS: SECTION A (ACADEMIC ESSAY) AND SECTION B (PRINCIPLES OF PARAGRAPHING).**
- **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**
- **WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.**

TIME ALLOWED: ONE (1) HOUR

SECTION A: ACADEMIC ESSAY (30 MARKS)

1. Write an essay of between 400 and 500 words on **ONLY ONE** of the following topics:

- a. Explain four (4) measures that can be taken by the government to tackle graduate unemployment in Ghana.

OR

- b. The Minister of Education has directed that good performing students as well as poor performing students should be admitted into category 'A' Senior High Schools. Discuss four (4) reasons why you agree or disagree with this directive.

NOTE:

- This section examines your ability to develop content paying attention to the principles of paragraph development. **You are required to underline the thesis statement in your introduction.**
- Your essay will also be assessed for mechanical accuracy (i.e., grammar, spelling, and punctuation).

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SECTION B: PRINCIPLES OF PARAGRAPHING (10 MARKS)

2. Explain the difference between the principle of paragraph unity and paragraph completeness. **(4 MARKS)**
3. With reference to the first body paragraph of your essay in Section A, demonstrate how unity has been achieved. **(6 MARKS)**

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