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

INSTRUCTIONS:

- WRITE YOUR INDEX NUMBER, GROUP NUMBER, AND LECTURER'S NAME ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED (SEE LIST OF EXAMINERS/LECTURERS BELOW).
- 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. "Free SHS will make quality of education worse in Ghana". Do you agree? Advance FOUR reasons for your stance.
- OR**
- b. Discuss any FOUR strategies that could be used by the government of your country to fight crime in a sustainable way.

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 principles of paragraph coherence and paragraph unity. **(4 MARKS)**
3. With reference to the first body paragraph of your essay in Section A, demonstrate how unity has been achieved. **(6 MARKS)**