1.Question 1

What is the most important part of communicating your solution?

Tailoring your answer to your audience and including the details most important to them.

2.Question 2

Consider the following question:

“Given a right-angled triangle with one side measuring 3cm and the other side measuring 4cm, what is the length of the hypotenuse? Show your working.”

Which of the following would be an adequate answer?



a2 + b2 = c2

32 + 42=c2 9 + 16 = 25 c (hypotenuse) = 5 cm

3.Question 3

Consider the following question asked in an Education tutorial:

“You’re on your practicum placement in a new school and a student in your Science class has not done his/her homework for the second time this week. Another teacher tells you that the student is usually really good and probably just needs someone to talk to him/her. School policy states that you should give the student a lunch-time detention. What do you do?”

Which of the following is an appropriate response in a tutorial?



“I don’t know, I’d give the student a detention because it’s school policy. You have to stop disrespectful behaviour quickly before it gets out of hand – they’re probably just doing it because you are a practicum teacher.”



“Hmm…I think it is best to talk to the student, see what is going on. Lots of different studies suggest that an abrupt change in attitude can be a reflection of problems that the student is facing outside of school.”



“It depends on the student. I mean, if they’re nice and co-operative in class, I’d be more inclined to talk to them, but if they’re really disrespectful I might use it as a chance to discipline them.

1.Question 1

What should you do before you sit an exam?



Check what will be covered in the exam.



Practice writing (and thinking) under time pressure.



Make sure you understand all of the core concepts in the exam.

2.Question 2

According to the lecture, which questions should you answer first in an exam?



The questions that you know the answer to – get them out of the way!

3.Question 3

Consider the following question from a Linguistics exam:

“Summarize the pronunciation issues a native Thai speaker might face when learning to speak English.”

What is the function word or phrase in this question?



Summarize

1.Question 1

Imagine that you are working with a group of 4 people and have just been given the following problem to solve:

“You are part of a consultation team that has just been hired by the new CEO of a major multi-national company. A company-wide survey has revealed that there is high absenteeism, low productivity and that 31% of employees are bored or otherwise unsatisfied with their work. Additionally, 13% are seriously considering offers from rival companies. The company is losing money, and work that should take a few days is taking weeks to complete.

In the attached documents, you will find the results of two surveys and four focus groups with employees, as well as a breakdown of which departments are experiencing the lowest work satisfaction. Your group should provide a report detailing 3 measures that you would recommend to the CEO to improve workplace productivity and morale.”

In your group, what is the first thing you would do?

(b). Introduce yourself.



2.Question 2

Considering the same question:

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The four people in the group are:

Tim – Is OK at maths, but doesn’t like it, often quiet, but good at interpreting what people say.

José – Great with numbers, good at conveying information, not great at interpreting what people say.

Amar – Good with numbers and management theory, very opinionated

Jenna – Hates maths, slightly disorganized, good at summarising and synthesising information.

Who in the group would be the best person to ask to summarize the surveys?

(b). José

3.Question 3

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Which two people in the group would be the best to ask to summarise the focus groups?



(a). Tim

(d). Jenna

1.Question 1

If you need help writing essays, what can you do?

(b). Ask a friend to read over your essay and help you edit it.



(c). Go to the university’s writing centre or your field’s library for help.



(d). Use online writing resources from your university (or another university!).

2.Question 2

Imagine that you have just walked out of your mid-semester exam and, after talking to your friends in the class, realise that you completely misinterpreted the last question. The exam was worth 10% of your grade. A week later you find out you failed the test because of that question.

What could (or should) you do?



(a). Let it go.

3.Question 3

Imagine that it is the first week of term. After looking through your course outlines for the next term, you realize that you have the following readings and assignments to do in the first four weeks:

1. Linguistics1002: Phonetics. Weekly problem sets, worth 5% each and a chapter of the textbook each week.

2. English1002: The Romantics. One book to read each week, plus a 1, 000 word essay due in Week 4 worth 40%.

3. Physics1001: Life Physics. Weekly problem sets, worth 2% each, and a 1,000 word lab report of an experiment you conduct in class due in Week 2 worth 15%.

4. Business1004: Leadership. 2 weekly readings and a 10 minute group presentation due in Week 4 worth 35%

What work should you do *each* week?

*Check one option.*



(a). The weekly problem sets for Physics and Linguistics.



(b). The readings for Linguistics, English and Business



(c). Meet with your business group to prepare for the presentation.



(d). Start research for your English essay – it is worth 40%!



(e). All of the above