



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

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BA/BSC FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION: 2016/2017
UGRC 110 ACADEMIC WRITING 1 (3 CREDITS)
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS (2 HRS.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WRITE YOUR INDEX NUMBER, GROUP NUMBER AND LECTURER'S NAME ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED**
- **WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED**

SECTION A: CONCEPTS IN ACADEMIC WRITING

1. Write short notes on any **two** of the following:

- Introductory paragraph
- Paragraph structure
- Paragraph coherence

2. Answer (a) or (b):

- You have been given an essay writing assignment which involves using information from multiple sources. Explain at least **five** strategies you would use to avoid plagiarism from the note-taking stage to the final write-up of the essay.

OR

- What is plagiarism? State at least **four** reasons why plagiarism occurs, and explain **five** strategies for avoiding plagiarism in academic writing.

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SECTION B: ESSAY WRITING

3. (a) Compose a clear thesis statement from **one** of the following topics:

- i. Managing one's time in the university
- ii. Advertising and people's behaviour
- iii. Environmental sanitation in a developing country

(b) Write a full-length essay (about 500-600 words) in which you develop content for the thesis statement you composed in (a). Underline the topic sentence for each developmental paragraph.

SECTION C: REFERENCE SKILLS

4. Generate a reference list from the information provided below using either the APA or MLA style of referencing.

- A book written by John Ofori with the title “The age of missing information” and published in 1999 by Arrow and Hammer in Johannesburg.
- “Malnutrition among African children” is the title of a document authored and published by UNICEF in New York in 1980.
- Shaw King authored a chapter titled “Men at Risk,” which was published in the book “The World in Danger.” The book was edited by Peter McFairlane and John Parry and published in 1999 by Sparks. The chapter spans pages 1-10 of the book.
- A scholarly journal – Education Gazzete – volume 79, issue number 21, contains an article titled “Computerizing Learning.” The article was written by Michael Velde and published in 2001. The article can be found on pages 331- 348.
- “Politics and Violence” is the title of a newspaper article that appeared on page three (3) of the *Daily Graphic* on 15th October, 2016. The article was authored by Kofi Brown.