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**BA/BSC SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2017/2018**  
**UGRC 110 ACADEMIC WRITING 1 (3 CREDITS)**  
**TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS (2 HRS.)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. WRITE YOUR GROUP NUMBER (AND/OR LECTURE TIME) AND YOUR LECTURER'S NAME ON THE QUESTION/ANSWER BOOKLET**
- B. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET**

**SECTION A**

1. The following sentences contain examples of inappropriate style in academic writing, rewrite them in a more suitable way:

- a. Another thing to think about is the chance of crime getting worse.
- b. Regrettably these days lots of people don't have jobs.
- c. Sometime soon they will find a vaccine for malaria.
- d. A few years ago the price of property in Japan went down a lot.
- e. You can't always trust the numbers in that report.
- f. Sadly, the high inflation led to poverty, social unrest and so on.
- g. He was over the moon when he won the prize.
- h. I think we should pay students to study.
- i. A few years ago they allowed women to vote.
- j. What were the main causes of the Russian revolution?

**SECTION B**

2. Write an introductory paragraph of not more than **100 words** for each of the following topics:

- a. Students who pray unceasingly are guaranteed success in their examinations. Do you agree?
- b. Advertising negatively affects people's behaviour. Discuss.

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### SECTION C

3. In university courses, we continually engage with other people's ideas: we read them in texts, hear them in lectures, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. Regrettably, sometimes some of us commit plagiarism.

- a. What is plagiarism?
- b. Give three possible causes of plagiarism.
- c. Suggest three ways in which plagiarism can be avoided.

### SECTION D

4. Write an essay of between 450 and 550 words on the following topic:

What are the key qualities of a good lecturer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

(Note: This section examines your ability to develop content paying attention to the principles of paragraph development. Your essay will also be assessed for mechanical accuracy (i.e., grammar, spelling, and punctuation).

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