



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

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BA/BSC SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2018/2019
UGRC 110 ACADEMIC WRITING 1 (3 CREDITS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

SECTION A: ACADEMIC STYLE (28 MARKS)

1. The following words frequently occur in academic writing, provide their opposites:

- a. Theoretical
- b. Subjective
- c. Reliable
- d. Precise
- e. Analytic
- f. Abstract
- g. Absolute
- h. Exclusive

(8 MARKS)

2. Identify the sub-types of errors for each of the following sentence errors, and provide one example of each sub-type of error:

- a. Fragments
- b. Run-on sentences

(12 MARKS)

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3. Correct the grammatical mistakes in the following sentences:

- a. Our power went out. During a thunderstorm. I lost the paper I was writing on the computer.
- b. To get back my term paper. I went to see my English instructor from last semester. I also wanted some career advice.
- c. Trees can survive on a steep mountain slope if they obey two rules. They must grow low to the ground. And bend with the wind.
- d. Bacteria are incredibly tiny a drop of liquid may contain fifty million of them.
- e. The trivia book listed some interesting facts about Babe Ruth. For instance, he spoke German fluently. Also, kept cool on hot days by putting wet cabbage leaves under his cap.
- f. I began to shake on the examining table the nurse reached out and held my hand.
- g. I had a campus map, I still could not find my classroom building.
- h. Some workers dug up the street near our house. Causing frequent vibrations inside. By evening, all the pictures on our walls were crooked. (8 MARKS)

SECTION B: ACADEMIC READING AND REFERENCING (12 MARKS)

4. What is the difference between scanning and skimming? (2 MARKS)
5. Briefly explain the stages involved in the SQ3R study reading technique. (6 MARKS)
6. What is the purpose of a reference list? (2 MARKS)
7. What is the difference between a reference list and a bibliography? (2 MARKS)

SECTION C: ESSAY (30 MARKS)

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

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

- a. *The Internet is a free and lawless zone that erodes state sovereignty, ignores borders, abolishes privacy and poses perhaps the most formidable global risk.* (Yuval Noah Harari, 2017). Do you agree with the writer's view? Justify your answer with specific reasons and examples.

OR

- b. Discuss the causes of migration of people from Africa to other parts of the world.