

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2009**

TITLE OF PAPER COMPOSITION, WRITING AND STYLISTICS

COURSE CODE ENG 302/ IDE-ENG 302

TIME ALLOWED 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Answer Three Questions: Question One and any TWO other questions.
- 2) All the Questions Carry Equal Marks.
- 3) Number Your Questions Appropriately
- 4) Close Attention Should Be Paid To Content, Organisation, Expression And Mechanical Accuracy in the Essay Type Questions.
- 5) This paper is 3 pages long; cover page included.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

Choose ONE topic from the under-listed options and write an essay (of not more than two pages long).

- a) Tell us about the freshers' ball.
- b) Same sex marriages should not be allowed
- c) Your cousin who is in Johannesburg wants to attend your sister's wedding which will be in Mbabane. You are to write to your cousin and give her the directions to the venue. Make sure that your directions are clear; so that your cousin will not mistake that location for any other.
- d) "Cooking is an organized activity." How would you prepare your favorite traditional meal?

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

Discuss **text structure** under the following type of forms:

- a) Narration [5]
- b) Comparison and Contrast [5]
- c) Description [5]
- d) Argumentation and the art of rhetoric [5]

QUESTION 3

Discuss at least three invention techniques or strategies.

QUESTION 4

Discuss voice as a metaphor of speech and how it is used in writing.

QUESTION 5

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

“Old Man Timochenko” - Emmanuel di Pasquale

Winds scratch his hands
and his sharp bones
deeply assert
their lineaments.
he stands like a trembling leaf
on the branch
of an evergreen,
and will not fall.

Careful,
by the road's edge,
silent as a sunray,
he waves
as I drives by.
Like birds' wings,
loose as they coast
in the high air,
his eyes
soften and expand.

He moves in slow waves,
like an ancient snake,
knowing the end can wait.

- a) What kind of text is this? [2]
- b) Posit four metaphorical usages in the text and explain them? [8]
- c) What do the metaphors and similes in “Old Man Timochenko” show us about the old man? Discuss in detail. [5]
- d) Identify specific similes that di Pasquale uses to reveal important things about Timochenko's character? [5]

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COURSE : CONVERATIONAL ANALYSIS
COURSE CODE : ENG 303
DURATION : TWO(2) HOURS
INSTRUCTION : i) ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN ALL,QUESTION 1
AND ANT OTHER
ii)EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 30 MARKS

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QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY QUESTION

- i) Briefly explain what we mean by discourse analysis. [5marks]
- ii) Using the excerpts below, discuss the major differences between spoken and written language. [25marks]

This extract is from a lengthy conversation between three friends on holiday who are cooking eggs for breakfast.

ACTIVITY

Study the following conversation, which has been taken from Christie (1989: 51)

1m

J. Oh, this is beautiful!

R. Oh, yes, that's right.

J. Is that how you . . . you wanted it hard boiled, didn't you?

R. Yes, that's what I call hard.

J. Well, do you want to have this one?

R. No, you have that one, 'cause this one must be harder, mustn't it?

J. Doesn't necessarily follow.

F. Yes, surely it . . . oh, you're right . . . it doesn't.

J. Depends which one went in first.

R. Yes, you're right, well look, in a minute we'll know.

Now consider a written account of the conversation.

1n

Fran, Jim and Ros went away together one Easter holiday weekend. They spent the first night in a holiday cabin they had rented. In the morning, having slept well they got up and prepared breakfast in the tiny kitchen.

Ros and Jim both decided to have a boiled egg, while Fran, who didn't like eggs, settled simply for a toasted Easter bun and coffee. The breakfast preparations proceeded very cordially, though some confusion was caused by the fact that Ros placed the two eggs in the boiling water at different times. Subsequently, she was not able to tell which egg had been in the water longer, though she particularly wanted a hard-boiled egg herself.

Ros removed one egg from the saucepan in which it was cooking and gave it to Jim who discovered it was quite hard. Ros concluded that the other egg must be hard too, though as Jim pointed out, she had no reason to believe this, since there was no way of knowing which egg had been placed in the water first. The matter was only resolved when the removal of the second egg from the water revealed that it was as hard as the first egg.

QUESTION 2

With the aid of examples,

- i) briefly discuss conversational interruptions. [10marks]
- ii) What can an interruption signal? [10marks]
- iii) What factors can influence interruption? [10marks]

QUESTION 3

Brown and Levinson (1978) are the pioneers of the Politeness strategies while Grice (1975) is renowned for the Cooperative Principle. Discuss Brown and Levinson's politeness theory in the light of Grice's cooperative principle. [30marks]

QUESTION 4

General observation is that men and women, on average, tend to use slightly different language styles. These are quantitative rather than qualitative. With the aid of examples, discuss these differences. [30marks]