



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF**  
**THE DEGREE IN BACHELLOR OF EDUCATION**  
**FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024**  
**[AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2023]**

**COMS 121: COMMUNICATION SKILLS II**

**STREAM: Y1 S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: WEDNESDAY, 12.00 – 2.00 P.M.**

**DATE: 08/12/2023**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

***1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***

***2. Answer Questions ONE and any other THREE Questions***

1.a) Discuss the reasons why it is necessary to cite information sources used for research. (5 marks)

b) Though writing a research is part and parcel of learning, many students have a negative attitude towards research writing, discuss the issues behind this attitude. (10 marks)

c) Show how relevant this course is in improving your communication skills. (10 marks)

2.a) Define the term academic writing. (3 marks)

b) Discuss the purpose of research in academic writing (6 marks)

c) Citing examples, discuss any two referencing techniques used in academic writing (6 marks)

3. a). “Effective communication depends a great deal on how prepared a speaker is.” On the light of this statement, Show what you would consider in preparation and delivery of a speech. (8 marks)

b). You have been asked to present a speech to your colleagues who are new in university about the dangers of negative peer pressure. State and explain effective ways of **ENDING** such a speech. (7 marks)

4. Discuss the following terminology as used in research

a) Research problem (5 marks)

b) Literature review (5 marks)

c) Methodology (5 marks)

5. Using the research format, Identify a topic; write the title, statement of the problem, hypothesis and the objectives. (15 marks)

6. a)What are oral presentations? (3 marks)

b) Discuss the concept of oral presentations under planning, presentation and delivery. (12 marks)