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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF EDUCATION ARTS

### EEL 3201: READING AND WRITING SKILLS IN ENGLISH

DATE: DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions

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#### QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms as used in writing (6 Marks)
- i) Citation
  - ii) Bibliography
  - iii) Referencing
- b) “Reading and writing are interwoven.” Discuss (4 Marks)
- c) Why does a scholar need to refer to other scholar(s) text? (4 Marks)
- d) Writing an essay is the most common assignment in academic writing. Briefly discuss any three components of essay writing. (6 Marks)
- e) State any four factors that affect flexibility in reading. (4 Marks)
- f) How can one survey a text for reading? (6 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss any 5 types of information sources when reading or writing. (10 Marks)

- b) Explain how a reader can assess the quality of a book before choosing it for reading. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)**

- a) Elucidate any 5 reasons, why we read. (10 Marks)  
b) Discuss different types of essays used in writing. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss 5 writing techniques learnt in this course. (10 Marks)  
b) What are the reading strategies/methods that one can apply when preparing for a university examination? (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)**

- a) What do you understand by reading? (4 Marks)  
b) Briefly explain the stages involved in the writing process. (4 Marks)