

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

PC 002: BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS

DURATION: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Section A is compulsory.
- Answer any TWO (2) questions from Section B.
- Marks for each question are indicated in brackets.
- Write legibly in the English Language.
- Errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling will be penalised.
- Credit will be given for clear, well organised and coherent responses.

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SECTION A: (COMPULSORY QUESTION)

1. a) Define referencing with aid of illustrations. [5 marks]
- b) Why is referencing necessary in academic writing? [5 marks]
- c) Distinguish the two referencing styles mainly used in academic writing. [5 marks]
- d) Define plagiarism and suggest ways by which a tertiary student may avoid it. [10 marks] [25 Marks]

SECTION B: (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

2. a) Write brief notes on the four macro language skills. [10 marks]
- b). Explain why it is important for a student teacher to improve on the skills stated above. [15 marks] [25 Marks]
3. Explore seven (7) elements of communication using at least two (2) examples for each element. [25 Marks]
4. Demonstrate how the Johari window can be used to improve teaching and learning. Make use of a fully labelled diagram of the window in your response. [25 Marks]
5. i. Distinguish between note-taking and note-making. [5 marks]
- ii. Explain how and why a university student can improve on note-taking. [10 marks]
- iii. Discuss five forms of notes studied for this course, suggesting which form best suits what situations and why. (10 marks) [25 Marks]

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER