1. **Are you satisfied with your academic writing?**

**Answers:**

P 1: “Actually, not exactly. I still strive to be a perfect writer.

P 2: “Yes, I am.”

P 3: “Somewhat, yes.”

P 4: “Not always. I need much to learn and improve.”

P 5: “No, because we have a little experience in academic writing. Sometimes, I make some mistakes unconsciously as I am not continuously writing. So, the problem is in the developing techniques in writing Arabic texts confuses us with those of English. The problem is not in grammar but ordering clauses or phrases.”

P 6: “No I am not because the more you know about academic writing, the more you find that your writing needs to be improved.”

1. **What are the challenges you encounter in academic writing?**

**Answers**:

P 1: “1. As for me, the most notable challenge is that I need much time to make brainstorm or think about the given topic. Therefore, I really don’t write perfectly while exams or even through lectures because of the matter of time.

2. I don’t have the background or full idea about the topic.

3. Inability of selecting the appropriate words which serve your academic writing.

4. Your circumstances or responsibilities prevent you from practicing continuously. “

P 2: “The pressure in the exam, and the condition which is related to the time of the exam.”

P 3: “Spelling mistakes.”

P 4: “First, English is a foreign language. Second, absence of practice.”

P 5: “First of all, cohesion and coherence need to choose the suitable conjunctions, interjections, correcting words, and also the complex sentences always confuse us in our understanding of the English texts. With simple sentences, there is not any challenge.”

P 6: “Some challenges are about cohesion and coherence. Others about the suitable vocabulary as some vocabulary are more academic than others.”

1. **What do you suggest to improve the academic writing skills of EFL learners?**

**Answers**:

P 1: “The most essential step is to make the subject of academic writing more practical than theoretical and the instructor should give his/her students feedback and evaluation to know their mistakes, their weak points, and try to improve their writing. As much you read, the great writer you will be as well. Of course, practicing as much as you can is the key to being a skillful writer.”

P 2: “To write a lot and we need all the time to correct our essays.”

P 3: “Practice makes perfect.”

P 4: “1- Practice, 2- Focused and intensive courses.”

P 5: “Writing more and more is better for the EFL writers and showing and changing the writing texts by teachers, classmates and academic doctors and guides.”

P 6: “I think that practicing is the cornerstone to improving academic writing. Grammar also is very important. I mean that the students should know the ways of sentence structures and they should be able to analyse the parts of the English sentence correctly and then students can go to learn about the strategies of writing complete and attractive paragraphs and essays.”