



**TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**Chennai - 15**  
**School of Humanities**  
**HOME / SPOT ASSIGNMENT**

Programme Name	: UG Programmes (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)
Course Code & Name	: BFEG-111
Course Name	: Foundation in English
Batch	: Arrear Batch
No. of Assignment	: Three
Maximum CIA Marks	: 25 Marks (Average of three Assignments)

**ASSIGNMENT – 1**

Max.: 25 Marks

**Answer any ONE of the following three questions in 1000 words.**

- 1) Narrate the major characters in 'The Dear Departed'.
- 2) What is meant by verb? Explain the kinds of verb.
- 3) Read the following passage and answer the questions below:  
A lot of things are going to happen in the next fifty years as the population of the world increases rapidly. It is enormously important to increase the yield of grain plants. A great deal has happened through the work of the geneticists who are specialists in genetics in the last five years. For instance, there has been an enormous worldwide increase in the production of what American's call corn, due to the development of new grains. Throughout agriculture geneticists are improving plants to get higher yields.  
(a) Why should we increase the production of grain plants?  
(b) What is the name of the grain mentioned in the passage?  
(c) What is the great deal?  
(d) Why are geneticists improving plants?

**ASSIGNMENT – 2**

Max.: 25 Marks

**Answer any ONE of the following three questions in 1000 words.**

- 1) Give us a role Model for an ideal lesson for the youth of India. Discuss.

- 2) Write a dialogue between a motorist and a traffic police man over a traffic rules violation.
- 3) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to your college Cultural day function

### **ASSIGNMENT – 3**

Max.: 25 Marks

#### **Answer any ONE of the following three questions in 1000 words.**

- 1) Annotate any TWO of the following :
  - (a) Though the path be strewn with thorns And may be slippery  
at best at times  
My Inner Guidance I still will trust.
  - (b) And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
Of my darling-my darling-my life and my bride  
In the sepulchre there by the sea.
  - (c) Are we pinching it before Aunt Elizabeth comes?
  - (d) I don't call that delicate, stepping into a dead man's shoes in  
such haste.
  - (e) The angels, not half so happy in Heaven, Went envying her  
and me
- 2) Critically analyse Oliver Mbarma's poem 'I Cry Me a New Beginning'.
- 3) Write a precise of the following passage with suitable title :

Ignorance is always bliss. It is always folly to be wise. It is especially true in the modern world. The wise people suffer. The fools enjoy everywhere. The whole world belongs to them. The wise look after the fools. The fools do not even know to take care of themselves. They just enjoy their life. Their Motto is "Eat, drink and be Merry, for tomorrow we die". An animal enjoys while it lives because it does not think of tomorrow or of its death. It is not aware of the impending doom. A fool is also like that. He does not know or think of what is going to happen next. But a wise person, who knows too much, worries himself to death. A fool endures what he cannot cure, but a wise man does not. He dies in an effort to cure himself. The very medicine becomes a malady for him. T.S. Eliot rightly said, "All our knowledge brings us sorrow All our sorrow brings us death. But all our death does not take us to heaven".