



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

Programme Name : Common for UG Programmes (1st Year)
Course Code : BFEG-11
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) Write a Precise of the following passage with suitable title:

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex – you see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns most of us feel, especially when we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like and we think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline. An athlete's joy is in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline and punctuality is not an imposition but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics.

2) Explain the uses of adjectives with examples.

3) Write about the constitutional development of England.

ASSIGNMENT – 2

Max.: 25 Marks

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

1) Bring out the humour and irony in 'An Astrologer's Day'.

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :
It is difficult to imagine the extraordinary number of controls on Indian industry before 1991. Entrepreneurs needed permission to

invest and could be penalized for exceeding production capacity. Even with the given investment capacity they had, entering certain areas was prohibited as these were reserved for the public sector. If they had to import anything, they required licenses. To get these licenses was tough. They had to persuade a bureaucrat that the item was required but even so permission was unavailable. If somebody was already producing it in India's case it began to show the reforms was not instantaneously and permanently wonderful.

- (a) Why were entrepreneurs penalized?
- (b) What is the year mentioned in the passage?
- (c) What is difficult to imagine?
- (d) Why did the entrepreneurs need license?

3) Define Nouns and explain the different kinds of Nouns.

ASSIGNMENT – 3

Max.: 25 Marks

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

- 1) Highlight the political life of England.
- 2) Explain the uses of Adverb with examples.
- 3) Explain the advancements of 20th Century.



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ASSIGNMENT – 1

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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".