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ASSIGNMENT

Programme Name	: Common for Under Graduate Programmes (1 st Year)
Course Code & Name	: BFEG-11 Foundation in English
Batch	: AY 2018-19/ CY-2019
No. of Assignment	: Assignment-1
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Describe the terms “renaissance” and reformation”.
- 2) Explain the theme of R.K. Narayan’s “An Astrologer’s Day”.
- 3) Narrate the Indian mood and theme in “The Bangle Sellers”.
- 4) Explain the functionalities of Present continuous, past continuous and Future continuous.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Discuss the important features of the 20th Century.
- 2) Narrate the impact of French revolution in the social and political life of England.
- 3) Explain the uses of Adverb with examples.



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No. of Assignment	: Assignment-2
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) French revolution made an impact in the social and political life of England. Explain.
- 2) Explain the uses of conjunction with examples.
- 3) Explain the functionalities of present perfect, past perfect and future perfect.
- 4) Discuss the use of colour imagery in *The Bangle Sellers*.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Explain the uses of adjectives with examples.
- 2) Write about the constitutional development of England.
- 3) 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 white 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.



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No. of Assignment	: Assignment-3
Maximum	: 100 Marks
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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) What is the irony of the story, “An Astrologer’s Day”?
- 2) Discuss the use of colour imagery in “The Bangle Sellers”.
- 3) Explain the functionalities of present tense, past tense and future tense.
- 4) Write down the functions of adverb.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) 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?
- 2) Bring out the humour and irony in ‘An Astrologer’s Day’.
- 3) Define Nouns and explain the different kinds of Nouns.



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No. of Assignment	: Assignment-1
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 5) Explain the theme of the poem, “I cry me a New Beginning”.
- 6) Describe any three elements of humour in the play, “The Dear Departed”.
- 7) What do you get from APJ Abdul Kalam’s “Give us a role model”
- 8) List out the parts of speech in English.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) Write a precis 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”.

- 2) 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 –

- 3) Critically analyse Oliver Mbarma’s poem ‘I Cry Me a New Beginning’.



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No. of Assignment	: Assignment-2
Maximum	: 100 Marks
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Justify the title “I cry me a New Beginning”.
- 2) Write an analysis on “Give us a role model”.
- 3) Write a dialogue between a Bank Manager and a Customer.
- 4) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to a *pongal* festival.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 1) What is meant by verb? Explain the kinds of verb.
- 2) 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?
- 3) Narrate the major characters in ‘The Dear Departed’.



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following questions in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 1) Annotate 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.
- 2) Correct the sentences given below:
 - a) I would like you to meet my cousin brother.
 - b) He took up gymnastic when he eight years old.
 - c) Iam not understanding this job.
 - d) Thirukural has been translated to many languages.
 - e) We all are tired.
- 3) Write a precis of the following passage:

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- 4) What is Verb and adverb? Explain its types with examples.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer **any two** of the following questions in 1000 words each.

- 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.