

Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP)

ASSIGNMENT (For July 2014 and January 2015 Sessions) Foundation Course in English FEG-02



School of Humanities
Indira Gandhi National Open University
MaidanGarhi, New Delhi-110068

Dear students,

You are required to do **one** assignment for the Foundation Course in English-02. It is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It covers four blocks of the course.

Aims: The TMA is primarily concerned with assessing your writing and assessing your writing and study skills. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the units but effectively use the skills that you may have acquired during the course of study to compose your answers. These assignments aim to teach as well as to assess your performance.

Guidelines: You will be required to write a paragraph, an essay, reports, make notes and summarize.

As in day-to-day life, **planning** is important in attempting the assignment as well. Read the assignment carefully; go through the units on which the questions are based; jot down some points regarding each question and then re-arrange them in a logical order. Pay attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must tell you how to interpret the given topic and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your views on the topic.

Make sure that your answer:

- a) is logical
- b) is written in simple and correct English
- c) does not exceed the number of words indicated in your questions
- d) is written neatly and clearly

Please remember that it is compulsory to submit your assignment before you can take the Term End Examination. Also remember to keep a copy of your assignment with you and to take a receipt from your Study Centre when you submit the assignment.

The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator at the Study Centre allotted to you. Last date for submission of assignment.

For June Exam	31 st March, 2015
For December Exam	30 th September, 2015

Good Luck!

Note: Remember the submission of assignment is precondition of permission of appearing in examination. If you have not submitted the assignment in time you will not be allowed to appear in examination.

Foundation Course in English-2 (FEG-02) Assignment

1. Read the following passage and make notes in an appropriate format: (15)

Malawi, officially the Republic of Malawi, is a landlocked country in southeast Africa that was formerly known as Nyasaland. It is bordered by Zambia to the northwest, Tanzania to the northeast, and Mozambique on the east, south and west. The country is separated from Tanzania and Mozambique by Lake Malawi. Malawi is over 118,000 km² (45,560 sq mi) with an estimated population of 16,777,547 (July 2013 EST.). Its capital is Lilongwe, which is also Malawi's largest city; the second largest is Blantyre and the third is Mzuzu. The name Malawi comes from the Maravi, an old name of the Nyanja people that inhabit the area. The country is also nicknamed "The Warm Heart of Africa".

The area of Africa now known as Malawi was settled by migrating Bantu groups around the 10th century. Centuries later in 1891 the area was colonized by the British. In 1953 Malawi, then known as Nyasaland, became part of the semi-independent central African Federation (CAF). The Federation was dissolved in 1963 and in 1964, Nyasaland gained full independence and was renamed Malawi. Malawi has a democratic, multi-party government and a small military force that includes an army, a navy and an air wing.

Malawi's economy is heavily based in agriculture, with a largely rural population. It has a low life expectancy and high infant mortality. There is a diverse population of native peoples, Asians and Europeans, with several languages spoken and an array of religious beliefs. Although there was periodic regional conflict fueled in part by ethnic divisions in the past, by 2008 it had diminished considerably and the concept of a Malawian nationality had reemerged. Malawian cultural practices and Malawian cuisine are rich in local, southern African, and overseas influences.

Dances are a strong part of Malawi's culture and traditional music and dances can be seen at initiation rites, rituals, marriage ceremonies and celebrations. Soccer is the most common sport in Malawi, introduced there during British colonial rule. Basketball is also growing in popularity.

The indigenous ethnic groups of Malawi have a rich tradition of basketry and mask carving, and some of these goods are used in traditional ceremonies still performed by native peoples. Wood carving and oil painting are also popular in more urban centres, with many of the items produced being sold to tourists. There are several internationally recognised literary figures from Malawi.

Source: Adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malawi>

2. Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. (15)
3. Write a paragraph of 100-150 words on any **one** of the following topics: (10)
- Vanishing species.
 - Modern Society.
 - Forgiveness.

d. Nature's Magic.

a.i.3. Write a composition of 250-300 words based on any **one** of the pictures given below:
(20)

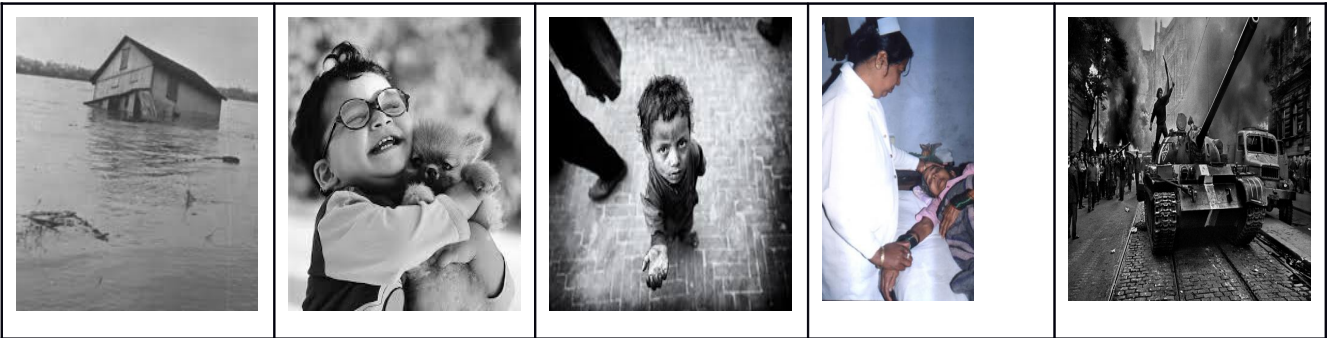
A

B

C

D

E



a.i.4. You are the cultural Secretary of your institution. Write a report in 250 words of a meeting held to discuss the forthcoming Annual Day celebrations.
(20)

a.i.5. Write a report in 250 words of an interview you had with your local MLA.
(20)