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**Bachelor's Degree Programme
(BDP)**

**ASSIGNMENT
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**FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-02
(FEG-02)**



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FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-2 (FEG-02)

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Dear Student,

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 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
For December Exam

31st March
30th Sept

Good Luck!

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Assignment

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Max. Marks: 100

All questions are compulsory.

- 1 Read the following passage and make notes on it in the appropriate format. (15)

Most people believe that children are the world's most valuable resource and should be loved and cherished. However, because they are dependent on adults for safety and nurturing, and can neither look after themselves nor fight for their rights, they are often treated badly and abused. A report published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1999 claimed that more than 40 million children around the world suffer from abuse and maltreatment.

But things are beginning to change. Did you know that the United Nations has a special Convention on the Rights of the Child and that Article 19 and Article 34 of this Convention deal specifically with child abuse?

Child abuse has been defined as 'all forms of physical, and/or emotional treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual and potential harm to the child's right to health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power'. It is being increasingly recognized that even children deserve to be treated with dignity and that their freedom should be respected. From the year 2000, 20 November is celebrated as the International Day for the Rights of the Child and 19 November is World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Since India is a poor country and we can barely guarantee our children basic health, nutrition and shelter, there is little time and opportunity to think about the rights of children or of their abuse. Also, because of our tradition of giving unquestioning respect to elders, the convention of not letting outsiders know of problems within the family and viewing children as the property of parents, a great deal of child abuse is tolerated in our society. People are neither willing to talk about it nor report it to the police or other authorities. Since awareness is the only effective response to silence and denial, talking about the issue and making as many people as possible aware of it is the only way to deal with the violation of children's rights.

- 2 Write a summary of the paragraph in about 120-150 words. Give an appropriate title to the passage. (15)

- 3 Write a paragraph in about 100-150 words on any **one** of the following topics: (10)

- i The happiest day of your life.
- ii The problem of child labour in India.
- iii Your favourite film.
- iv Places of historical importance in your state.

- 4 Write a composition in about 250-300 words on any **one** of the following: (20)

- i What is ailing our national game hockey?
- ii Reality shows- where to draw the line?
- iii Are we losing our mother-tongue?
- iv The most unforgettable person in my life.

v Foreign universities can now set up their campuses in India. Write arguments **for** and **against** this.

5 There has been a natural calamity in the neighbouring state. Your principal has called a meeting of the student cabinet. Decision has to be taken about the rescue work to be carried out, resources to be collected and distributed, and money to be raised. Write a report in about 250 words. (20)

6 Read the following speech made by the former president of the United States and write a report based on it in about 250 words for a newspaper. Give it an appropriate title. (20)

Good evening. Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes, or in their offices; secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers; moms and dads, friends and neighbours. Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed; our country is strong.

A great people have been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining. Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America — with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbours who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C. to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured, and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel tonight, and will be open for business tomorrow. Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business, as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbour them. I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight, I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me." This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day. Yet, we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

