

ASSIGNMENT

**OUMH1203
ENGLISH FOR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
JUNE 2016 SEMESTER**

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This assignment contains SEVEN (7) questions that are set in the language of the printed module for the course, answer **FIVE (5)** only.
2. Answer in **English**.
3. Download the language version of the **assignment template** concerned from the MyVLE for preparation and submission of your assignment. Your assignment should be typed using 12 point Times New Roman font and 1.5 line spacing.
4. Your assignment word should refer to the questions. **Do not** copy the assignment question and instructions to your answer. Only assignment answer developed within the approximate word limit will be assessed. The number of words should be shown at the end of your assignment.
5. You must submit your assignment **TO YOUR FACE-TO-FACE TUTOR**. You are advised to keep a copy of your submitted assignment for personal reference.
6. Your assignment should be prepared individually. You should not copy another person's assignment. You should also not plagiarise another person's work as your own.
7. Please take note that PENALTY will be imposed on late submission of assignment as specified in the Registrar's Office circular 6/2012 (Refer to Registrar's Announcement in myVLE).

EVALUATION

This assignment accounts for **50%** of the total marks for the course and shall be assessed based on **the Rubrics or Answer Scheme** attached.

You would be given feedback on the assignment before the Final Semester Examination commences.

PLAGIARISM: MARKS DEDUCTION

Warning: The submitted assignment will automatically undergo a similarity check. If plagiarism is detected, marks would be deducted as follows:

- Assignments with **10 - 30% overlap** with others: **20%** deduction from the total marks scored.
- Assignments with **31 - 50% overlap** with others: **40%** deduction from the total marks scored.
- Assignments with **more than 50% overlap** with others: **Zero mark** would be given.

ASSIGNMENT QUESTION

Written assessment (there are seven questions in this assignment, answer **FIVE** questions ONLY. **10 marks each**. Each essay must contain approximately 500 words).

1. Beside a lot of advantages, some people believe that the Internet creates many problems. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
2. Nowadays, many students decide to further their study abroad; what are the benefits and drawbacks of studying abroad. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
3. As mass communication and social network continue to grow, societies are becoming more and more alike leading to a phenomenon known as globalization. Some people fear that globalization will inevitably lead to the total loss of cultural identity. What are your thoughts on the above statement?
4. Problems with environmental pollution have become so serious that many countries are trying to solve these problems. Suggest possible solutions and give your own opinion.
5. Global warming is one of the most serious issues that the world is facing today. What are the causes of global warming and what measures can governments and individuals take to tackle the issue?
6. Is freedom of speech necessary in our society? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.
7. In many countries it is now illegal to smoke in public places. It is only fair that people who wish to smoke should have to leave the building. Do you agree or disagree?

[Total: 50 marks]

Assignment Rubrics

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Use your discretion for marking the essays. Below are only the guidelines for essay rubrics.

CATEGORY	WEIGHT	LOW	FAIR	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	MARKS
INTRODUCTION	1	There is no clear introduction to the main topic or structure of the paper/essay.	The introduction states the main topic, but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper/essay nor is it particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction clearly states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper/essay, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper/essay.	2
CONTENT	2	The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information.	The main idea is somewhat clear, but there is a need for more supporting information.	The main idea is clear but the supporting information is general.	There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information.	4
CONCLUSION	1	There is no clear conclusion, the paper/essay just ends.	The conclusion is recognizable, but does not tie up several loose ends.	The conclusion is recognizable and ties up almost all the loose ends.	The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader with a feeling that they understand what the writer is "getting at."	2
LANGUAGE / GRAMMAR	1	The writer makes more than 4 errors in grammar (sentence structure) or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes 3-4 errors in grammar (sentence structure) or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes 1-2 errors in grammar (sentence structure) or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	The writer makes no errors in grammar (sentence structure) or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	2
TOTAL						10