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Dear Student,

You are required to do **one** assignment for the Foundation Course in English. 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 proficiency in English. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the passage(s) but effectively use the skills of reading and writing 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 answer the questions on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and composition. For the question on transcribing phonetically, you may consult an appropriate dictionary.

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. In the essay-type answer, 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. **You should write in your own handwriting.**

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.

Last Date for Submission of Assignment:

For June Examination	31st March
For December Examination	30th September

Good Luck!

Note: *Remember the submission of assignment is a precondition for appearing in the examination. If you do not submit the assignment in time, you will not be allowed to appear in the examination.*

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Assignment

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all the questions.

1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this Assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons to us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfil the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us, but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

-Jawaharlal Nehru

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| 1a | What does 'tryst with destiny mean'? | 1 |
| 1b | Explain 'at the stroke of the midnight.' | 1 |
| 1c | Explain: 'when the world sleeps.' | 2 |
| 1d | Which moment is the author talking about? | 2 |
| 1e | What kind of achievement is the author talking about? | 2 |
| 1f | Give a suitable title to the passage. | 2 |
| 1g | Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
(i) prolonged (ii) before (iii) fate (iv) regain (v) liberty (vi) compassion
(vii) triumph (viii) misfortune (ix) aspiration (x) agony | 10 |
2. Select the correct form of the verbs given in brackets in each of the following sentences: 10
- He (went/has gone) to Bombay yesterday.
 - I (am/have been) waiting for two hours.
 - They will serve you lunch if you (attend/will attend) the function.
 - They had left when he (arrived/had arrived).
 - The bus (left/has left) an hour ago.
 - Had I known you were coming I (would have waited/would wait) for you.
 - I (did not write/have not written) the essay yet.
 - She (lived/has lived) in Jaipur since 1947.
 - I (am not hearing/have not heard) from her for a year. x. A new TV channel (has been started/was started) last Monday

- 3 Complete the sentences given below: 5
 If-Conditional- What would happen if
 Example i. If the trees are felled there would be soil erosion
 ii. If the soil is eroded
 iii. If the soil lacks nutrients
 iv. If nothing grows on the land
 v. If people have nothing to eat
 vi. If the government doesn't do anything for the starving people.....
4. Complete the following sentences with appropriate main clauses. 5
 i. just as I was ringing the bell.
 ii. every time I meet them.
 iii. as long as you want it.
 iv. by the time mother came home
 v. the moment he went on the stage.
5. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verb given in brackets: 10
- Many years ago when Martin Luther King (address) a public meeting, someone (throw) a shoe at him. There (be) a deep silence. King (pick) up the shoe and (tell) the gathering that some king gentlemen, knowing that he (can) not afford shoes (throw) one for him. He (request) the gentlemen to throw him the other one too. The man(feel) embarrassed and (go) away from there.
6. Asking Wh-Questions, example:
 You want to know where the post office is.
Where is the post office?
- Now make questions in a similar way. 10
- i Find out why your brother is angry.
 ii Find out when your exam will start
 iii Find out why he arrives late at the office.
 iv You want to know where the Railway station is
 v Find out how far is your father's office from your home.
 vi You're interested in knowing where he's coming from.
 vii You need to know when you could reach him.
 viii Find out what the number of the Chairperson is.
 ix Find out how she goes to the office.
 x Find out how to reach the airport.
7. Write a about 300 words on *any one* of the following topics: 20
 i Educating girl child
 ii National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
8. In about 200 words, write a conversation between: 20
- i You and elder brother where you are asking his suggestions regarding which stream you should go for after completing 10.
 OR
 ii You and your chief minister where you are asking him ten questions and he is answering those ten questions.