FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2ND SEMESTER 2020

ASSIGNMENT 2

INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE 1B

(ILT521S)
Dear students

The following is a short tutorial letter on your assignment. The last letter spoke in depth about plagiarism, so I am not going to repeat it here. Some students still copied from sources and did not acknowledge them. They were punished accordingly.

Your essay has to follow the typical essay format, where you have an introduction, “In this essay I am going to …………………………….”

Then the essay has 2 body paragraphs, each one concentrating on a specific aspect or set of incidents to illustrate your point. The next paragraph will look at a specific aspect or set of incidents to illustrate your point.

Finally, you will have a conclusion where you wrap up your argument/view/points of the essay.

“As can be seen, there is a vast social, political and economic divide between the English and the Indians, created in part by………………………. However we also…………………etc

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**QUESTION 1** (35 MARKS)

- Orwell makes the following statement in *Shooting an Elephant* : ”When the white man turns tyrant it’s his own freedom he destroys”. Write a dialogue between yourself and Orwell in which you discuss his reasons for writing a story such as *Shooting an Elephant*.
This was a very easy question designed to help you get marks. By now you should know how to write a dialogue. There are no speech marks for the speakers and you are using first person for yourself with a capital “I”.

There were a few really good answers, but unfortunately many students simply copy and pasted from internet sources. They were penalized accordingly. There was absolutely no reason to use sources for this easy task!

(CONTENT = 30 MARKS)
LANGUAGE AND STYLE = 5 MARKS)


QUESTION 2 (35 MARKS)

One of the aspects Head examines in When Rain Clouds Gather is the impact oppressive traditional structures have on women in Botswana. Motivate your answer with relevant references from the novel.

(Approximately two or three pages)

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This question clearly showed that some students were clueless about the novel “When Rain Clouds Gather”. Many did not have the slightest idea of the plot and many also spelled the character’s names wrongly.

Good answers would have included the following:
- Some background on Head
- Old grandmother prostituting granddaughter to Makhaya. This is normal and she sees his rejection of the offer as “madness”
- Social structures disadvantage women
- Maria feels inferior to Gilbert because she uneducated
- Mma Millipede being destitute after her husband’s death
- Matenge’s treatment of Paulina
- etc

TOTAL MARKS FOR ASSIGNMENT 02: 70 MARKS

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