FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2ND SEMESTER 2020

ASSIGNMENT 2

LITERARY PROSE

(LTP621S)
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

QUESTION 1  (35 MARKS)

Throughout the novel Passage to India, there seems to be a huge divide between the British and the Indians. Give examples of this and explain.

A Particularly comprehensive and well set out answer contained the following:
Examples of cultural misunderstandings

-Aziz believes Mrs Moore has shoes on in mosque

-Failure of the “Bridge Party”

Examples of living conditions - English better houses and the Club. Indians dilapidated houses

British rule over Indians often dominating and unfair – Major Callendar and Azis

Ronny’s behavior in court and his explanation to his mother of English purpose in India

QUESTION 2 (35 MARKS)

What in your opinion is Waiyaki’s dilemma in Ngugi’s The River Between? Discuss with close reference to the text.

Most students answered this well and concentrated on the main problems facing Waiyaki.

- His father’s vision and wishes-unclear
- Getting the white man’s wisdom at Siriana to help his people
- The divided tribe (2 villages divided by the river)
- Traditionalists vs Joshua and his Christian followers
- Female circumcision-Muthoni’s death and its effect on Waiyaki
- He refuses to listen to warnings and see he has enemies
- Concentrates entirely on schools and does not see the plight of the people
- His love affair with Nyambura
- The issue of the Kiama

TOTAL MARKS FOR ASSIGNMENT 02: 70 MARKS
I hope this has been of help. Please continue reading to finish all the prescribed novels if you have not yet done so. Combine your reading with the study of your workbook notes. You will write one test on the prescribed works. The date will still be announced.

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