

CTE-1,2,3,4,5

**Certificate Programme in the Teaching of English
as a Second Language (Old Program)**

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET
Assignments for Courses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
(For July 2025 and January 2026 sessions)

2025 -2026



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Course Code: CTE

Dear Student,

We hope you enjoyed reading this course and found it useful in applying it to your teaching practice.

In order to help you understand the material better and prepare you for the examination later, we have an assignment for each of the courses. All the assignments are Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) and carry 100 marks each.

Aims: The TMAs are mainly concerned with your ability to understand the material and apply it meaningfully in your teaching. These assignments are as much a teaching device as a testing tool.

Guidelines: You will be required to answer the questions based on the units and your understanding of the teaching-learning process. Do not reproduce chunks of information from the units.

As in day-to-day life, planning is important in doing the assignments well. Read the assignments carefully; go through the units on which they are based; jot down some points regarding each question and then re-arrange them in a logical order. In an essay-type answer, allot adequate space to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must tell the evaluator how you 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) is written neatly and clearly.
- d) reflects your understanding of the teaching-learning situation.

Please remember that it is compulsory to submit your assignments before you can take the Term End Exams. Also remember to keep a copy of your assignments with you and do take a receipt from your Study Centre when you submit the assignments.

Last Date for Submission of Assignment:

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

Also remember that only one course can be taken from CTE-04 and CTE-05. In this assignment booklet we are including both of them but you should attempt only the one you have taken.

Good Luck!

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

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AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

**CTE-01: THE LANGUAGE LEARNER
(ASSIGNMENT)**

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all questions

1. How does schooling i.e. formal education differ from the natural process of socialization in which a child acquires his/her L1? Discuss. 20
2. Do you agree or disagree with the view that the learner and learner variables/ characteristics like aptitude, intelligence, attitudes, motivation, etc. are significant in second language learning? Give reasons to support your answer. 20
3. What is code mixing and code switching? How can the mother tongue of children be gainfully exploited by the teacher in a classroom. Illustrate with suitable examples. 20
4. What is the role and status of English in India today? As a (potential) teacher of English, do you think English will assume greater significance in the future in the Indian educational system. 20
4. What are the limitations of Behaviourism as a learning theory in explaining the process of language acquisition? Discuss. 20