



ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Assignments for Courses 2, 3, 4

ASSIGNMENTS

(For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions)

Diploma in Creative Writing in English (DCE)

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Diploma in Creative Writing in English

Dear Students,

We hope you are already familiar with the system of evaluation to be followed for the Diploma in Creative Writing in English. At this stage you should read again the pages of the Programme Guide that give the details of the evaluation procedure. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for Continuous Evaluation, which would consist of one assignment per Course.

The Assignment booklet for Courses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 is being sent herewith. It has a total of 5 assignments, of which 4 must be submitted by you. The assignment for Course 1 is **compulsory** and every student must attempt this. You are required to do the assignments for only three courses, out of DCE-2, 3, 4 and 5.

Following is the calendar for submission of assignments:

Course 1

Course 2

Course 3

Course 4

Course 5

Last Date of Submission of Assignments:

For July 2026 Session: 31st March 2027

For January 2027 Session: 30th September 2027

All assignments must be submitted on or before the date set.

All assignments pertaining to any Course must be submitted in one batch. **No piecemeal submission is acceptable.**

In case you are not able to keep this deadline in the first year, say 2027, you should submit your assignments in 2028, 2029, 2030 or 2031, that is, you have a total of 1+4 years to submit your assignments.

At the commencement of every academic year, your progress will be intimated and you will be asked your plan of studies for that year. At this stage, please ask for the assignment Booklet of **that** year, not for your year of enrolment. Irrespective of your year of enrolment, **you do the assignment in force for the year in which you submit it.**

Do not plan to take the terminal examination for any course if you have not done the assignments set for it first. You will not be permitted to do so.

Instructions for submitting your assignments

1. You should attach a slip in the following format to the top of the relevant course assignments:

Course Title:	For Office Use
Assignment No.:	
Name:	Grades:
Address:	Letter:
Enrolment No.:	Evaluated by:
Date sent on:	

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

2. The answer sheets should be complete in all respects. Make sure you have answered all the questions in an assignment before you submit it.
3. Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
4. Leave 5 cms margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer scripts so that comments, if any, can be made.
5. Start every assignment on a fresh sheet so that you can prepare separate sets for each block.
6. You should not send printed articles as your answers to assignments.
7. Please write ASSIGNMENT FOR DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING IN ENGLISH on top of the cover in which you send your answer/response sheets.

DCE – 3

SHORT STORY

Max. Marks: 100

Programme: DCE

Assignment Code: DCE 3/TMA/1/2026-2027

1. Given below is a story idea. Your task is to build a story around it. You can choose to make your story serious or comic, depending on whichever you think you can handle better: **20**
A young woman inherits an old bookshop from a complete stranger and discovers that the shop holds a secret. Your story should revolve around this situation and reach a plausible conclusion.

2. Write a short story for children on one of the following: **20**
 - a) A rainy day adventure with your best friend.
 - b) You find a little door in your garden that was never there before. Where does it lead?
 - c) If I could talk to birds...

3. Write a mystery/detective story around the following situation: **20**
Your character receives a letter addressed to a person who died ten years ago. The handwriting on the envelope is unmistakably that of the dead person...

4. Use the opening sentence given below to write a short story: **20**
The train had already left the platform when she noticed the stranger's suitcase lying beside her...

5. Write a short story on any topic that appeals to you showing your flair for either comedy writing or serious/tragic writing. **20**