

Questions for Tutorial Assignment on Toni Morrison's *Beloved*

Guidelines: *Students are requested to choose any one of the questions given below. Assignments should be typed out on A4 size paper with 1.5 line-spacing or submitted in handwritten form in properly stapled project-sheets. All submissions have to be in hardcopy (no email submissions, please). Bibliographic information should be provided for all books and essays cited through a standard Bibliography at the end of the Assignment. Students will be failed if plagiarism is detected. The Tutorial Assignment will have to be an original essay. These guidelines will have to be strictly adhered to as per the decisions of the college Academic Affairs Committee and the IQAC. The due date for submissions is 28 October 2016 (prior to the Diwali holidays).*

1. Write a critical essay on the importance of Baby Suggs' character in the novel *Beloved*, while closely relating her unique expression of spirituality to the theme of African-American identity. (1000 words approx.)
2. Write a critical essay on the depiction of Grief in the context of individual characters and the collective community in *Beloved*. (1000 words approx.)
3. Write a critical essay examining the influence of Cinematic images on the style of Toni Morrison's writing, with reference to Jonathan Demme's movie-adaptation of the novel. (1000 words approx.)
4. Write a critical essay, with reference to at least three of the most moving and intense moments in the depiction of the Sethe-Paul D relationship, to outline and analyse the complexities in their relationship. (1000 words approx.)
5. Write an essay on the importance of Sethe's fleeting encounter with the eccentric whitegirl, Amy Denver, in relation to the themes of the novel. Also reflect on the significance of Sethe naming her younger daughter 'Denver' in the context of the African-American community striving for its own unique identity, post-slavery. (1000 words approx.)

Drafts and ideas can be discussed with me or any other teacher of the paper in Tutorial classes.