

Course Preparation Assignment Samples

Sample 1- Course Preparation Assignment (CPA):

Texts for Analysis:

Gyekye, Kwame. 1994. Taking development seriously, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 11 (1):45-56

Power, Marcus. 2014. Enlightenment and the era of modernity. In *The Companion to Development Studies*, eds. Vandana Desai, and Robert Potter, 3rd Ed, 154-160. London: Routledge.

Question

1. a. Interrogate the central strands of Gyekye's argument on what development is.
b. Discuss any three key insights you take from this article.
2. Discuss any three insights Power's work offers you.

Sample 2 - Course Preparation Assignment (CPA):

Texts for Analysis:

Marini, Ruy. 1972.. Brazilian subimperialism. *Monthly Review* 23 (9): 14–24.

Kvangraven, Ingrid. 2020. Beyond the stereotype: restating the relevance of the dependency research programme. *Development and Change* 52 (1): 76–112.

Gönenç, Uysal. 2021. Turkey's sub-imperialism in sub-saharan Africa. *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 53 (3) : 442–461.

Question

Discursively engage with the texts by highlighting how the case for the continued relevance of dependency theory is made and its application for understanding (under)development in the last twenty years.

RUBRICS FOR GROUP WORK AND PRESENTATION

Group Presentation: There will be group presentations ---- a total of five. The dates for the presentations are shown below together with the NGOs which the group will work on:

March 28	Group 1- [NGO: CDD-Ghana*]
April 4	Group 2- [NGO: Soronko Academy-Ghana]
April 11	Group 3- [NGO: ARK Foundation]
April 18	Group 4- [NGO: CODEO ⁺]

The group is responsible for facilitating the lecture on the assigned date and must come to class prepared. Presentations will be a minimum of 40 minutes and a maximum of 50 minutes and has to be based on the research undertaken by the group. The discussions for that day will be compromised if the group is ill prepared.

Everyone in the group has to work together to produce the presentation. The work for the group should be split along the themes below. The group should be split into smaller groups to work on a specific theme [such small groups should be made up of a **maximum of five members**].

1. Thorough analysis [comprehensive scoping] of the history and nature[how long it has been in existence], raison d'être[interests, local/foreign/hybrid, its capabilities, its reach, etc] of the NGO
2. The NGOs views of the idea of development and its role in realizing it in Ghana.
3. Reflections on the NGOs strengths and achievements within the Ghanaian political-economy.
4. Detailed analysis of any insights researching on the NGO provided the group.
5. A discourse on the critiques of the NGO with a specific focus on the African/Ghanaian political-economy
6. Recommendations for the NGO to allow it pursue its programmes and projects more efficiently and effectively within the African/Ghanaian political-economy.

The group should self-select a lead presenter and two co-presenters to present on the date in question. Each group has to submit a 3-page [maximum] report covering all aspects of the topic. The report should carry [attached] a **Turnitin Report** to pass for submission. The report is due on the very day of the presentation. Late submission will carry a penalty of 5 marks per day. The formatting guidelines for the Report are as follows:

* Ghana Centre for Democracy and Development.

⁺ Coalition of Domestic Election Observers

