

Math English Writing [GGC5041&MA320]
Assignment 1, September 3, 2019

As announced in class today that all students in GGC5041 & MA320 are required to complete a weekly assignment which will be collected for grading and peer evaluation. This week's assignment consists of the following three parts:

1. Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the textbook *Mathematical Writing in English* by professors Tao Tang and Jiu Ding.
2. Read the preface and Chapter 6 of the supplementary textbook *Handbook of Writing for the Mathematical Sciences* by Professor Nicholas J. Higham.
3. Write a summary of Chapter 1 of the textbook and submit it by email to

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with an email subject title

GGC504 Assignment 1

for graduate students, or

MA320 Assignment 1

for undergraduate students, by 10:00 pm on Monday, September 9. The summary must be written in English and must *not* exceed two pages in length with reasonable spacing and normal font size (not too small or too large; 12 pt is recommended if you use L^AT_EX).

Please submit two copies of your summary, one with your name and student ID number written at the top of the summary and another without these information for confidentiality during the peer evaluation.

You will receive two scores for your summary. The teaching assistant for this course, Dr. Jingmei Zhang, will read your summary and give a score between 1 and 10, with 10 being the highest score given only to an impeccable summary. Your summary will also be sent to a randomly chosen classmate for peer evaluation. The classmate will also read it and give a score between 1 and 10. This peer evaluation will be done using a double-blind scheme. You will not know who will evaluate your write-up or whose write-up you will evaluate. After receiving a summary of an anonymous classmate from Dr. Zhang, you need to send us your comments and score for that summary in three days.

As I have indicated that we will be “crossing the river by touching the stones,” and this course is an experiment for all of us. Your full cooperation

on all aspects related to this course is crucial. For example, you must submit your summary on time and submit your peer evaluation on time. Late assignments or peer evaluation reports will not be accepted. Your level of participation will be recorded and will be an essential part of the evaluation process. It could make a difference in your grade for this course. Let us all do our best to make this course a fruitful learning experience as well as an entertaining learning experience.

In case you need help, please come to my office hour.