

English 1 – 2nd year – Autumn 2005

Written assignment: an essay dealing with one of the suggested topics.

Essay/analysis/leader/review. Research into the topic and relevant and exact information requested. 1 student/topic.

1 page (30 lines/page), word-processed or typed.

Deadline: 30 November 2005

English for Business Studies:

ex.1e/p.16-17, Writing (W)

ex.3d/p.19, Discussion (D)

ex.1f/p.23-24, W

ex.3d/p.27, W

ex.1f/p.31, W

ex.2d/p.33, Case study (CS)

ex.3g/p.40, W

ex.2a/p.46, D

ex.2e/p.52, W

ex.2e/p.63, W

ex.2e/p.77, CS

ex.1c/p.79, D

Other topics:

(All the topics relate to the Czech Republic)

Access to education for all – tuition at universities

Agricultural policy - subsidies

Anti-trust authority – recent cases

Civic Democrats in the era after Václav Klaus

Czech Trade Inspection (ČOI) – recent cases

Computer crime

Corruption

Czech advertising market

Czech Air Force and its problems

Czech industry's dependence on car industry

Czech justice (lengthy court proceedings, ...)

Education policy

Employment policy

Ending the monopoly of ČEZ

Equality/inequality of sexes in employment

EU membership – gains and losses

Export promotion (Ministry of Industry and Trade, CzechTrade)

Financial crisis in higher education (can we afford to open universities to all eligible applicants?)

Foreign policy (independent or harmonized with the EU?)

Housing policy (regulation of rents, mortgages, ...)

Immigration policy

Independence of the Czech National Bank

Industrial policy (corporate restructuring)

Investment promotion (CzechInvest)

Monopoly of Czech Railways

Organised crime (esp. economic criminality)

Pension insurance (PAYG, defined benefit schemes, defined contribution schemes)

Reform of public finance (+ budget deficit)

Social security system – funding crisis

Success of a Czech product (you can choose one)

Support to the war against terrorism

Taxation – is the current rate of taxation high?

Tax evasions (efficiency of tax collection) and budget deficit

Telecommunications market

Tenders - legislation

The Constitutional Court (its recent decisions)

Trade unions

Trading at the Prague Stock Exchange

Václav Klaus's presidency

Jiří Paroubek's government – evaluation of its economic policy