**CCYS Essay and Outline Format Requirements**

**A. LISTENING ESSAY FORMAT**

* **Heading:** Top Left Corner in 12-Point font

1. **Name**
2. **Week Number**
3. **Title:** Section Covered: E.g. Genesis 1-3

* **Format**

1. **Length:** At least 2 no more than 3 pages
2. **Text:** 12-Point Font Single Spaced
3. **Subtitles:** 14- Point Bold Font

* **Subtitles**

1. Overview
2. Major Doctrinal Concept
3. Application
4. New Things Learned

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**B. MESSAGE OUTLINE FORMAT** \*

* **Heading Format:** Top Left Corner in 12-Point Font

1. **Name**
2. **Week** Number

* **Font Size, Font Colors and Highlight Colors\***

**Bible Chapter Title** **16 Point Bold Font** Dark Blue Text No Highlight

**Subheadings** **14 Point Bold Font** Dark Blue Text No Highlight

**Scripture Text** 12 Point Font Black Text Yellow Highlight

**All other Text**  10 Point Font Black Text Blue/Green alternating

You may choose a Chapter of choice from any book in the Bible for your message but…

**DO NOT USE** EITHER OF THE TWO BOOKS FROM REQUIRED LISTENING FOR YOUR MESSAGE

**\***Ask your mentor about possible technology workarounds

* **See below attached Essay and Outline Format samples**

**A. Listening Essay Sample** *Abbreviated*

John Smith

Week 1

Exodus 1-12

**Overview**

In the book of Exodus chapters 1-12, we read that the children of Israel were in bondage to the Egyptians for 430 years (to the exact day). They cried out to God for deliverance. God heard their cries and suffering. God already had his plan in motion. God preserved Moses through a dangerous time. Moses’ zeal started out without the anointing of God, and he tried to do the work of The Spirit all on his own; he failed. He fled Egypt. God revealed himself to Moses (at the burning bush) and gave him a task...

**Major Doctrinal Concept**

Chapters 1-12 of Exodus are teeming with doctrinal concepts. Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not turn from it. We see this in the early years of Moses’ young life, as God places him back into his parent’s home where God reigns. God hears our cries and suffering. God saves...

**Application**

Understanding that nations seem to grow weak under prosperous times and then they grow strong through adversity led us to a lengthy discussion. Since the same concept appears to be applicable to the church body through easy periods and strenuous times of society. We went to the natural next step of looking at individuals. Adversity challenges and grows our faith. Believing what we cannot understand is faith. We don’t have to have the answer because we know who is in charge, even if we can’t comprehend the methods. If God has called you to a task, do it, don’t get discouraged by troubles...

**New Things Learned**

We were both amazed at just how many new concepts and applications we learned, while listening to Chuck Smith’s commentaries on Exodus 1-12. We had never thought about the fact that Exodus is simply a continuation of Genesis (written by Moses), nor had we contemplated that the 5 books written by Moses account for 1/7th of the entire Bible. The idea that- you cannot have a counterfeit that disproves the genuine; a counterfeit only affirms the genuine does indeed exist- was an intriguing concept to ponder. We both were very interested in the archeological findings of the bricks discovered at Pithom. Neither of us were aware that Midian was on the Sinai Peninsula or that Levites were known for having fiery tempers...

**B. Message Outline Sample** *Abbreviated*

John Smith

Week 1

**1 Peter 1**

Jesus

**Introduction**

* **Date:** Between 62-64AD
* **Author:** Apostle Peter...

* 1. Leader of church in Jerusalem until James in 44AD
  2. Fisherman raised in Galilee: Bilingual in Greek/Aramaic

**Yet... The wisdom found in 1st Peter is a *direct result* of being with Jesus**

**Acts 4:13** Now when [the religious leaders] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they **had been with Jesus**.

1. **Paul** Apostle of **Faith Gentiles**
2. **Peter** Apostle of **Hope Jews**
3. **John** Apostle of **Love All**

* **Setting:**

**1 Peter 5:13** She who is in **Babylon**... greets you...

* 1. No church in Babylon. Peter was never there.
  2. Babylon: Code name for Rome. **Peter writing from Rome.**
  3. Christians forsaking false deities/Blamed for everything
  4. Nero about to go crazy on Christians especially burning Rome in **64AD**

**Nero will blame innocent Christians...Cause them to be seen as Troublemakers**

**I.** **Elect Pilgrims** Who We Are

1 Peter, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ...

* **Peter/Cephas:** Inner circle of Jesus... Peter, James [not Jesus’ bro] and John

Unlike Paul, Peter’s apostolic status was never questioned. This brief phrase indicates Peter’s authority.” [Hiebert]

* **Apostle:** Sent one, Apostle proper, i.e., one of 12 must...
  1. **Chosen** by Father
  2. **Seen** risen Christ
  3. **Miracles** by Spirit

**Peter the Apostle:** Sent by Jesus to the Jews, yet...

**Instrumental in calling Gentiles...**