

Individual Assignment (10 Marks)

Discourse Analysis for Lyric

- Read the given lyric and analyze its context, deixis and presupposition by using the following questions as the guideline: *“Who said what to whom at what time and what place” (What, where, when, why, how)*
 - (1) Which place could it be in the lyric?
 - (2) Who might be saying this?
 - (3) When could it be according to the lyric?
 - (4) What might happen based on the lyric? Please also describe.
 - (5) What could be tone of the lyric? Why/ How?
 - (6) What could the song name *“We will not go down”* imply?
 - (7) What might *‘they’* in line 5 (box 1) refer to?
 - (8) What might *‘we’* in the song name refer to?
 - (9) In *‘But their powerless words were in vain..’* in line 5 (box 2), what does *‘their’* refer to?
- In the process of analyzing, you need to quote words, phrases or sentences that indicate direction of your answers (to support your answer).

The Assigned Lyrics

Song name: *“We Will Not Go Down”* (Michael Heart)

1

A blinding flash of white light
Lit up the sky over Gaza tonight
People running for cover
Not knowing whether they're dead or alive

They came with their tanks and their planes
With ravaging fiery flames
And nothing remains
Just a voice rising up in the smoky haze

We will not go down
In the night, without a fight
You can burn up our mosques and our homes
and our schools
But our spirit will never die
We will not go down
In Gaza tonight

2

Women and children alike
Murdered and massacred night after night
While the so-called leaders of countries afar
Debated on who's wrong or right

But their powerless words were in vain
And the bombs fell down like acid rain
But through the tears and the blood and the pain
You can still hear that voice through the smoky haze

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In the night, without a fight
You can burn up our mosques and our homes and our
schools
But our spirit will never die

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Answer Sheet

Question	Your answer (s)	Words, phrases, sentences that support your answer (s)
Which place could it be in the lyric?		
Who might be saying this?		
When could it be according to the lyric?		
What might happen based on the lyric? Please also describe.		

Question	Your answer (s)	Words, phrases, sentences that support your answer (s)
What could be tone of the lyric? Why/How?		
What could the song name " <i>We will not go down</i> " imply?		
What might ' <i>they</i> ' in line 5 (box 1) refer to?		
What might ' <i>we</i> ' in the song name refer to?		
In ' <i>But their powerless words were in vain..</i> ' in line 5 (box 2), what does ' <i>their</i> ' refer to?		