

BEGE-108

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
(BDP)**

**ASSIGNMENT
(For July, 2023 and January, 2024 Sessions)**

Elective Course in English
Reading the Novel



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READING THE NOVEL
(BEGE-108)

Programme: BDP
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Dear Student

You will have one assignment for the Elective Course in English - BEGE-108, which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry 100 marks. It will be based on blocks 1 to 6.

Aims: This assignment is concerned mainly with assessing your application and your understanding of the course material. You are not required to reproduce chunks of information from the course material but to use the skills of critical appreciation that you may have acquired during the course of study. This assignment aims to teach as well as to assess your performance.

Instructions: Before attempting the questions please read the following instructions carefully.

1. Read the detailed instructions about the assignments given in the Programme Guide for Elective Courses.
2. Write your Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address and Date on the top right corner of the first page of your response sheet(s).
3. Write the Course Title, Assignment Number and the Name of the Study Centre you are attached to in the centre of the first page of your response sheet(s).

The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

ENROLMENT NO:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE TITLE: ASSIGNMENT NO:

STUDY CENTRE: DATE:

4. Use only foolscap size paper for your response and tag all the pages carefully.
5. Write the relevant question number with each answer.

6. You should write in your own handwriting.
7. **Submission:** The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you by **31st March** (For July Session) and **30th Sept** (For January Session).
8. Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide.

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering questions.

GUIDELINES FOR TMAs

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

1. **Planning:** Read the questions carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order. And please write the answers in your own words. Do not reproduce passages from the units.
2. **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarise your response to the question. In the course of your answer, you may like to make references to other texts or critics as this will add some depth to your analysis.

Make sure that your answer:

- (a) is logical and coherent;
 - (b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - (c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
 - (d) does not exceed the number of words indicated in your question.
3. **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize.

You may be aware that **you need to submit your assignments before you can appear for the Term End Exams. Please remember to keep a copy of your completed assignment, just in case the one you submitted is lost in transit.**

Good luck with your work!

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Assignment 2023-24
(Based on Blocks 1-6)

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all questions.

1. Write short notes on any two: (2x10=20)
 - a) Structure and form of the novel.
 - b) The Indian English Novel after independence.
 - c) Women writers of the mid- twentieth century
 - d) The novel of the Diaspora

2. Would you agree that Dickens is a humanistic writer? Discuss your answer based on your reading of *A Tale of Two Cities*, *No. 1 Branch Line: The Signal* and any other novel by Dickens that you might have read. (20)

3. Attempt an analysis of Achebe as a postcolonial writer. On the basis of on *Things Fall Apart*, and the other novels discussed in your study material. (20)

4. Analyse *Sunlight on a Broken Column* as a partition novel told through the eyes of a child narrator. Does the type of narrator make a difference to the way in which events are perceived? (20)

5. Read *Paraja* as an example of a subaltern novel. Does the ‘subaltern finally speak’? Give a detailed and reasoned answer. (20)