

**BA English Honours Programme  
(BAEGH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(FOR JULY 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 SESSIONS)**

***BA English Honours Compulsory Course***  
**(BEGE 141)**  
**UNDERSTANDING PROSE**



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**COMPULSORY COURSE OF ENGLISH (HONS)**  
**BEGE-141**  
**UNDERSTANDING PROSE**

**Programme: BA English (Hons)**  
**Course Code: BEGE-141/2022-23**

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for this English Honours Course titled *Understanding Prose* Code BEGE-141, which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry 100 marks. It will be based on blocks 1 to 4.

**Aims:** This assignment is concerned mainly with assessing your application and your understanding of the course material. You are not 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.

**Guidelines:** There are three sections – Section A, B & C, you are required to attempt all questions in your own words and hand written Assignments should be submitted on time.

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

As in day-to-day life, **planning** is important in attempting the assignment as well. Read the assignment carefully; go through the units on which the questions are based; jot down some points regarding each question and then re-arrange them in a logical order. In the essay-type answer, pay attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must tell you how to interpret the given topic and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your views on the topic. 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 should submit the assignment in your own handwriting.**

Make sure that your answer:

- a) is logical
- b) is written in simple and correct English
- c) does not exceed the number of words indicated in your questions
- d) is written neatly and clearly.

**Please remember that it is compulsory to submit your assignment before you can take the Term End Examination. Also remember to keep a copy of your assignment with you and to take a receipt from your Study Centre when you submit the assignment.**

1. Write your Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address and Date on the top right

corner of the first page of your response sheet(s).

2. 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:

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

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

**For June Examination:**

**30<sup>th</sup> April**

**For December Examination:**

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**BEGE-141**  
**UNDERSTANDING PROSE**  
**Assignment for July 2022 and January 2023 Sessions**  
**(Based on Blocks 1-4)**

**Maximum Marks 100**

**Answer All Questions**

**Section A**

**Q.I Write short notes on the following in about 200 words each:**

**4 x 5 = 20**

- (i) Simile and metaphor as figures of speech
- (ii) Descriptive Prose
- (iii) Speech as a form of literary expression
- (iv) Biography as a literary form..

**Section B**

**Q. II Answer the following questions in about 350 words each:**

**4 x 7.5 = 30**

1. Write a character sketch of the mother from the story 'Mother'.
2. What are the main features of Margaret Laurence's speech?
3. What is the theme of Nehru's 'Quest of Man'?
4. Write a detailed note on Aitken's prose style as seen in the two extracts from *Travels by a Lesser line*.

**Section C**

**Q. III Answer the following questions in about 600 words each:**

**5 x 10 = 50**

1. Write an appreciation of Gandhi's art and craft of autobiography.
2. Give a detailed account of Russell's childhood as seen from his *Autobiography*.
3. Attempt pen portraits of both Albert and Victoria as seen in Strachey's biography *Queen Victoria*.
4. 'On Seeing England for the First Time' is laced with sarcasm and irony with a thread of pathos running through it. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer quoting examples from the text.
5. Describe Orwell's experience of shooting an elephant in Burma in detail.