

BEGC-103

**BA English Honours Programme
(BAEGH)**

ASSIGNMENT

(FOR JULY 2023 AND JANUARY 2024 SESSIONS)

BA English Honours Compulsory Course
(BEGC 103)
INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH



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COMPULSORY COURSE OF ENGLISH (HONS)
BEGC-103
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Programme: BA English (Hons)
Course Code: BEGC-103/2023-24

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for this English Honours Course titled *Indian Writing in English* Code BEGC-103, 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: 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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NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE TITLE:

ASSIGNMENT NO:

STUDY CENTRE: DATE:.....

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:

30th March

For December Examination:

30th September

GOOD LUCK!

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Assignment for July 2023 and January 2024 sessions
(Based on Blocks 1-4)

MM : 100

Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Q.I Explain the reference to the context of the following:

4 x 5 = 20

- (i) *With candles and lanterns,
Throwing giant scorpion shadows
On the sun-baked walls
They searched for him.*
- (ii) *Fed on God for years
All her feasts were
monotonous For the only
dish was always GodAnd
the rest mere condiments.*
- (iii) *And afterwards we climbed a tree, she said,
Not very tall, but full of leaves
Like those of a fig tree,
And we were very innocent about it.*
- (iv) *Some are purple a gold-flocked grey,
For her who has journeyed through life midway,
Whose hands have cherished, whose love has blest
And cradled fair sons on the faithful breast*

- Q.II** Discuss the brief history of short story writing in English in India. **20**
- Q.III** Analyze the novel *The Binding Vine* and discuss the techniques followed by Shashi Deshpande in it. **20**
- Q.IV** Discuss the style and themes of the poems of Kamala Das with special reference to the poems prescribed in your course. **20**
- Q.V** Critically analyze the story *The Other Woman* by Dina Mehta. **20**