

MEG-12

**MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH
(MEG)**

ASSIGNMENT

(For July 2024 and January 2025 Sessions)

**A Survey Course in 20th Century
Canadian Literature
MEG-12**



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**Assignment for
Master's Degree in English
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**Programme: MEG
Course Code: MEG-12**

Dear Student,

You will have one assignment for the Master's Degree in English Course-MEG-12. This assignment is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. This assignment covers the entire course.

Aims: The TMA is concerned mainly with assessing your application and 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 and good expression that you may have acquired during the course of study. This assignment aims to teach as well as to assess your performance. Please ensure that you read the study material thoroughly. Do make points as you go along. If there is anything you do not understand, please ask your Counsellor at the Study Centre for clarification. Once you are able to do the assignments satisfactorily, you will be ready to take the exam with confidence.

Instructions: Before attempting the assignment please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Read the detailed instructions about the assignments given in the Handbook and Programme Guide.
2. **The first page of your assignment booklet should be like this:**

Enrolment No. _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Signature: _____
_____ Assignment Code: _____
Course Title: _____ Programme code: _____
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.
5. You should write in your own handwriting.
6. **Submission:** The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you by **31st March 2025** (if enrolled in the July 2024 Session) and **30th Sept, 2025** (if enrolled in the January 2025 session).

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.
3. 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 the question.
4. **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.

Note: Remember the submission of assignment is a precondition for appearing in the examination. If you do not submit the assignment on time, you will not be allowed to appear in the examination. **Please 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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CANADIAN LITERATURE – MEG-12
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Max. Marks: 100

Attempt all TEN questions and answer each question in approximately 500 words.

- 1 What are some major concerns that dominate 20th century Canadian Literature?
Discuss it critically. 10

- 2 Canadian Professional Theatre gave the Canadians an identity of their own. Do you agree
with it? Discuss. 10

- 3 "The landscape of Canada evokes terror in the literary mindscape ". Do you agree? Give a
reasoned answer. 10

- 4 Comment on the central spirit of Canadian poetry. 10

- 5 What are the major themes running in the novel *Surfacing*? 10

- 6 Discuss the portrayal of ordinary people and their essential humanity in *The Tin Flute*. 10

- 7 Trace the character sketch of kip in *The English patient*. 10

- 8 Rita is a victim of social injustice. Justify this statement with reference to the play *The
Ecstasy of Rita Joe*. 10

- 9 Describe the Indian immigrant's experience in Canada found in "Swimming Lessons" and
"The Door I Shut Behind Me". 10

- 10 Assess the contribution of Robert Kroetsch towards post-modern criticism in Canada. 10