

BEGLA-135

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**ASSIGNMENT
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**English in Daily Life
(BEGLA-135)**



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Dear Student,

You are required to do **one** assignment for the Foundation Course in English. It is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It covers four blocks of the course.

Aims: The TMA is primarily concerned with assessing your proficiency in English. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the passage(s) but effectively use the skills of reading and writing that you may have acquired during the course of study to compose your answers. These assignments aim to teach as well as to assess your performance.

Guidelines: You will be required to answer the questions on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and composition. For the question on transcribing phonetically, you may consult an appropriate dictionary.

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. **You should write 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.

Last Date for Submission of Assignment:

For June Examination the website	30th April or as per dates given on the website
For December Examination the website	31st October or as per dates given on the website

Good Luck!

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.*

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All questions are compulsory.

Max. Marks: 100

Section A

1 Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

‘A great mass’ of something means a great amount. When the new method of manufacturing articles in great numbers was introduced, a new name was wanted for it and ‘Mass production’ was the one that came into use.

In what ways does mass production differ from the older methods of manufacture? Formerly a craftsman, or skilled workman, often made the whole of an article himself by hand. He put into his work all his skill, all his experience. He was proud of the fruits of his labour. His reputation, his standing among his fellows, depended on his skill and on his character. He would have been ashamed if any serious fault had appeared in his work. He was envied and admired by fellow-craftsmen whose skill was not equal to his own. Articles made in this way could not be mass-produced. Each article differed slightly from the others; in every one there was something of the maker’s individuality. The finished article was sold at a high price, the price representing the time and the skill of the craftsman who had made it.

Many such articles, made long ago with loving care, possess a quality and a beauty that mass-produced goods cannot equal. The wonderful pottery of ancient China, the lovely carpets of Persia, the engraved sword of Damascus, the silver-ware of the Middle Ages – all these things show the individual craftsmanship of their long-dead makers.

These articles were made for the rich and for those who were moderately well off. The poorer classes could not hope to possess works of art. Their household utensils, their clothes and their farm tools were roughly and cheaply made, though very practical in serving the purposes for which they were designed. [Mass Production by G. C. Thornley]

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| a) | How did the term ‘mass production’ come into use? | 2 |
| b) | Why are handmade articles dearer than mass-produced goods? | 3 |
| c) | Enumerate the qualities of a craftsman in older times. | 3 |
| d) | Give a suitable title to the passage. | 2 |

2. Use the following words in sentences of your own.

- a) Pottery
- b) Envied
- c) Individuality
- d) Mass-produced
- e) Engraved

SECTION B

Do as directed-

1. Change the following sentences from direct speech to indirect speech. 10
 - i) The passenger said, "Will you leave the compartment immediately?"
 - ii) Gandhi said, "Haven't I the right to travel first class?"
 - iii) The constable said, "Don't you understand simple instructions?"
 - iv) Gandhi said, "Shall I not try to root out the disease of colour prejudice?"
 - v) The general manager said, "Hasn't justice been given to you?"
 - vi) The merchants said, "Isn't this injustice to be treated badly?"
 - vii) Gandhi said, "Can't we lodge a strong protest?"
 - viii) The official said, "Don't you know this is a different country?"
 - ix) The official said, "Do you want me to throw you out?"
 - x) The official said, "Shall I call the police?"

2. Rewrite these sentences using the correct form of the verb given in brackets. 10
 - i) Did you remember (lock) the safe.
 - ii) Rita hoped (get) a bucket of clean water.
 - iii) The boss refused (accept) my resignation.
 - iv) Usha hopes (draw) your portrait before the end of this month.
 - v) My sister's afraid of heights. She refused (go) rock climbing.
 - vi) My American friend invited me (spend) my summer holidays with her.
 - vii) The air hostess asked the passengers (fasten) their seat belts.
 - viii) The women had come (draw) water from the well.
 - ix) They arranged (meet) after office hours.
 - x) The Sherpa warned the mountaineers not (smoke) while using oxygen masks.

SECTION C

1. Draft a biographical sketch of your favourite sportsperson in about 250 words. 20
2. Write a report in about 250 words on 'Gender Discrimination' that is still prevalent in our societies. 20
3. Write a dialogue between a student wishing to seek admission in IGNOU and an Admission Help Desk Incharge. (250-300 words). 20