

**BEGE-101**

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**ASSIGNMENT  
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FROM LANGUAGE TO LITERATURE**



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Dear Learners,

You are required to do one assignment for each Course under BAG. Each assignment is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. Each assignment covers the entire course.

**Aims:** This 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 apply the information you have acquired during the course of study. This assignment aims to teach as well as to assess your performance. Please ensure that you read all the units of the course. Do make points as you go along. If there is anything you do not understand, please ask the Counsellors at your Study Centre for clarification. Once you are able to do the assignment satisfactorily, you will be ready to take the Term-end exam with confidence.

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

1. Read the detailed instructions about the assignment given in the Programme Guide.
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:

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4. Use only A4 paper size for your assignment and tag all the pages carefully.
5. Write the relevant question number with each answer.
6. You should write the answer in your own handwriting.

7. **Submission:** The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you by **30th April (for June Exam)** and **31st October (for December Exam)** Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide.

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the 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 points 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 summarize your response to the question. In the course of your answer, you may like to make references to other texts or books 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 the 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.

***Note: Remember that you must 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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**Answer all questions.**

**Max. Marks: 100**

- Q 1 Distinguish between literal meanings and extended meanings. 20
- Q 2 Discuss the characteristics of structure words in use. 20
- Q 3 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions. 5
- i) The man was standing \_\_\_\_\_ me.
  - ii) The book is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
  - iii) He was telling us \_\_\_\_\_ what he saw last night.
  - iv) They will leave \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.
  - v) I met him the day \_\_\_\_\_ you arrived.
- Q 4 Make four words by adding suffix –ate 4
- Q 5 Rewrite the following sentences in correct form: 4
- i) I have seen him yesterday.
  - ii) The hen has lain six eggs.
  - iii) They discussed about the whole matter.
  - iv) He is sleeping for two hours.
  - v) Neither of the boys have returned.
- Q 6 Give the meanings of the phrasal verbs used in the following sentences: 5
- i) The meeting was put off.
  - ii) I couldn't make out what he was driving at.
  - iii) The manager wanted to kick him out but the staff backed him up.
  - iv) The plane took off at 7:00 am exactly.
  - v) The manager turned down his request for a day off.
- Q 7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

### **There's No Pleasing A Lawn Freak**

I just figured out that if ever there were a valid suit for alienation of affection, it would be that lousy lawn.

There is something about the ability of a man to grow a few blades of grass that contributes to his masculinity. He is either a grass grower or he is not a grass grower.

A lawn enthusiast has two moods: irritable and irritable. These are interchangeable depending on whether the grass is growing or whether the grass is not growing.

When the grass is not growing, my husband goes to the library to see what could be missing, has his soil analyzed, waters, soaks, fertilizes, and has the nurseryman who sold him the seed make a house call.

When the grass is growing, he runs the mower back to the store to make sure the blade is cutting, trims, rakes, rolls and makes an absence phone call to the dog next door who over-fertilized it in the first place.

There is no pleasing a lawn freak.

Some say it is normal for a man to want a pretty lawn. I don't know what is normal any more. I sent the kids to Mother's blew an entire food budget on steaks and wine, put a dab of garlic on the light bulb and slipped into something that had not been paid for. "What are you thinking?" I teased, turning off the TV set.

"Did you turn the hose off?" he asked.

Is it normal for a man to call the police and report a flock of birds that are eating our grass seed? Is it normal for a grown man to mourn a brown spot for three years?

(From Erma Bombeck: 'There's no pleasing a lawn freak': from her column 'At Wit's End').

1. Do you find an element of humor in this passage? What is it that contributes to humor? 4
2. Give examples of hyperbole in the passage. 8
3. Explain the lines 'There is something about the ability of a man to grow a few blades of grass... They're just not one of the boys.' 4

Q 8 Read the following stanza from John Masefield's poem 'Laugh and Be Merry' and answer the questions given below.

Laugh and be merry: remember, better the world with a song,  
Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong.  
Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span.  
Laugh, and be proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man.

- i) Give the number of beats (stressed syllables) in each line, and mark the stressed syllables.

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- ii) What is the pattern of rhyme in the stanza? 4
- iii) Give examples of the use of alliteration in the stanza. 4
- iv) Give examples of the use of assonance in the stanza. 4