

BEGC 131

**Bachelor of Arts (General) Programme
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ASSIGNMENT

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FIRST SEMESTER

**INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY
(BEGC 131)**



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Dear Student,

You are required to do **one** assignment for the course ‘Individual and Society’ (BEGC 131). 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.

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 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.

Last Date for Submission of Assignment:

For June Examination	30th April
For December Examination	31st October

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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Answer all questions.

SECTION A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

- i. Mr. Jones, of the Manor Farm, had locked the hen-house for the night, but was too drunk to remember to shut the pop-holes. With the ring of the light from his lantern dancing from side to side, he lurched across the yard, and made his way up to bed, where Mrs. Jones was already snoring.
- ii. As soon as the light in the bedroom went out, there was a stirring and a fluttering all through the farm buildings. Word had gone round during the day that old Major, the prize Middle White boar, had had a strange dream on the previous night and wished to communicate it to the other animals. It had been agreed that they should all meet in the big barn as soon as Mr. Jones was safely out of the way. Old Major was so highly regarded on the farm that everyone was quite ready to lose an hour's sleep in order to hear what he had to say.
- iii. All the animals were now present except Moses, the tame raven, who slept on a perch behind the back door. When Major saw that they had all made themselves comfortable and were waiting attentively, he cleared his throat and began:
- ‘Comrades, you have heard already about the strange dream that I had last night. But I will come to the dream later. I have something else to say first. I do not think, comrades that I shall be with you for many months longer, and before I die, I feel it may duty to pass on to you such wisdom as I have acquired. I have had a long life, I have had much time for thought as I lay alone in my stall, and I think I may say that I understand the nature of life on this earth as well as any animal now living. It is about this that I wish to speak to you.’
- iv. ‘Now, comrades, what is the nature of this life of ours? Let us face it; our lives are miserable, laborious, and short. We are born, we are given just so much food as will keep the breath in our bodies, and those of us who are capable of it are forced to work to the last atom of our strength; and the very instant that our usefulness has come to an end we are slaughtered with hideous cruelty.’ (George Orwell’s Animal Farm)

1. Why was the ring of light from Mr. Jones’s lantern dancing from side to side?
2. Where had the animals agreed to meet?
3. Why had they assembled there?

4. What does old Major want to share with the animals?
5. Pick out the three words Major uses to describe the lives of the animals. Why does he use these words?

5 x 2=10

2. Make sentences of your own with the following words:

1. Snoring
2. Stirring
3. Fluttering
4. Tame
5. Lurched

5x2=10

SECTION B

1. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

- 1) A dozen people _____ (Fill in with the correct form of 'be') injured in yesterday's accident.
- 2) _____ you busy now? (Fill in with the correct form of 'be')
- 3) I _____ going to the cinema to-night. (Fill in with the correct form of 'be')
- 4) There _____ many people in India even now who cannot read and write. (Fill in with the correct form of 'be')
- 5) I _____ surprised to meet Raj yesterday evening. (Fill in with the correct form of 'be')
- 6) I think this _____ the most interesting of Chetan Bhagat's novels. (Fill in with the correct form of 'be')
- 7) _____ you know how to make a pasta in white sauce? (Fill in the blank with do or does).
- 8) I _____ not think I can come with you. (Fill in the blank with do or does)
- 9) _____ you father work at the bank? (Fill in the blank with do or does)
- 10) _____ he come to office by the metro train? (Fill in the blank with do or does)
- 11) How _____ we get there? (Fill in the blanks with have or has)
- 12) _____ they got a school in their village? (Fill in the blanks with have or has)
- 13) Now you _____ learnt the secret of happiness. (Fill in the blanks with have or has)
- 14) _____ he arrived already? (Fill in the blanks with have or has)
- 15) I sometimes _____ my breakfast at a restaurant. (Fill in the blanks with have or has)

15x1=15

2. Match Column A with words similar in meaning in Column B.

A	B
1. Preserved	deteriorated
2. Prohibited	enjoy
3. Destroyed	looked after
4. Pleasure	forbidden
5. Impoverished	job
6. Clean	depleted
7. Employment	pure
8. Environment	lively
9. Diligent	neighbourhood
10 Active	studious

10 x1 =10

SECTION C

1. Write a speech of your own on Challenges and Opportunities in the National Education Policy (NEP) and its implementation. **20**
2. You are resident of a locality in Delhi. Write a report on various steps taken by your residential locality to improve environment in your neighbourhood. **20**
3. Your friend is visiting Delhi and has written to you to suggest a good place to stay for a week. Write a letter to her suggesting a good hotel for accommodation.. **15**