

BEGC - 108

**BA English Honours Programme
(BAEGH)**

ASSIGNMENT

(For July 2022 and January 2023 Sessions)

BA English Honours Compulsory Course

(BEGC 108)

British Literature: 18th Century



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Compulsory Course of English (Hons) – BEGC 108
British Literature: 18th Century: (BEGC–108)

Programme: BA English (Hons)
Course Code: BEGC-108/2022

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the English Honours Course titled *18th Century: British Literature* Code BEGC-108, 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: There are three sections – Section A, B & C, 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).
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:

ENROLMENT NO:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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ASSIGNMENT NO:

STUDY CENTRE: DATE:.....

4. Use only foolscap size paper for your response and tag all the pages carefully.
5. Write the relevant question number with each answer.

Last Date for Submission of Assignment:

For June Examination: 30th April

For December Examination: 31st October

Good Luck!

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all questions.

Section A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 200 words each: 5X4=20

- (i) Political Debates of 17th Century England.
- (ii) Satire in New Classical Age.
- (iii) Features of Restoration Comedy
- (iv) Broad features of literature in the 'long 18th Century.'

Section B

Answer the following in about 300 words each: **4 X 7.5 = 30**

1. Critical comment on the binarisation of the 'savage' and the 'civilized' in Defoe's Crusoe. Does the story also blur this rigid binarisation sometimes ?
2. Does Swift help us question the binary between a man and an animal in Gulliver's Travels? Comment.
3. What role and purpose does Mrs. Fainall serve in the play 'The Way of the World'?
4. What is the setting of the Gray's poem 'Elegy Written In a Country's Churchyard'?

Section C

Answer the following questions in about 400 words each: **5 X 10 = 50**

1. Critically comment on Crusoe's Sojourn on the island.
2. Gulliver's Travels Book III is a satire against the abuse of science and reason. Critically discuss.
3. Critically analyze Gulliver's Travels Book IV as the critique of English colonialism.
4. Does the play 'The Way of the World' uphold bourgeoisie ideology and mercantile capitalism? Comment.
5. Analyze the pastoral elements in Gray's Elegy.