

**BA English General and Honours Programme  
(BAG) & (BAEGH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(FOR JULY 2023 AND JANUARY 2024 SESSIONS)**

***BA English General and Honours*  
(BEGE 141)  
UNDERSTANDING PROSE**



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**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE  
(GENERAL& HONOURS)BEGE-141  
UNDERSTANDING PROSE**

**Programme: BA English (Gen.& Hons.)  
Course Code: BEGE-141/2023-24**

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for this English General and Honours Course titled *Understanding Prose* Code BEGE-141, 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).

2. 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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3. Use only foolscap size paper for your response and tag all the pages carefully.

4. Write the relevant question number with each answer.

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

**For June Examination:**

**30<sup>th</sup> April**

**For December Examination:**

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**BEGE-141**  
**UNDERSTANDING PROSE**  
**Assignment for July 2023 and January 2024 Sessions**  
**(Based on Blocks 1-4)**

**Maximum Marks 100**

**Answer All Questions**

**Section A**

**Q.I Write short notes on the following in about 200 words each:**

**4 x 5 = 20**

- (i) Image and symbol as figures of speech
- (ii) Narrative Prose
- (iii) Art and craft of diary writing
- (iv) What is autobiography?

**Section B**

**Q. II Answer the following questions in about 350 words each:**

**4 x 7.5 = 30**

1. Justify the comment, “Be strong before people, only weep before God”, from the story ‘Mother’.
2. What do you learn about the life of the English people in Burma from Orwell’s essay, ‘Shooting an Elephant’?
3. What is the theme of the essay ‘On seeing England for the First Time’?
4. Outline the portrait of Queen Victoria as seen in Strachey’s biography *Queen Victoria*.

**Section C**

**Q. III Answer the following questions in about 600 words each:**

**5 x 10 = 50**

1. What is the significance of the title ‘Misery’ in the story of the same name.
2. Outline the horrors of the Holocaust and the persecution of the Jews as seen from Anne Frank’s diary.
3. Laurence was committed to the cause of nuclear disarmament. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Comment on the distinctive style of Nehru’s letter-writing as seen in ‘The Quest of Man’.
5. How does Aitken make fun of Indian politicians? Base your answer on your reading of the excerpt from his travelogue.