

BEGC - 102

**BA English Honours Programme  
(BAEGH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July, 2023 & January 2024 Session)**

*BA English Honours Compulsory Course*

**(BEGC 102)**

**European Classical Literature**



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**Compulsory Course of English (Hons) – BEGC 102**  
**European Classical Literature (BEGC–102)**

**Programme: BA English (Hons)**  
**Course Code: BEGC-102/2023-24**

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the English Honours Course titled *Indian Classical Literature* Code BEGC-102, 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:

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DATE:.....

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4. Use A 4 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: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**For December Examination: 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Good Luck!**

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**(Based on Blocks 1 - 4)**

**Max. Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions.**

**Section A**

**1. Write short notes in about 100 words each: 2 × 5 = 10**

- (i) Greek Tragedy
- (ii) Roman Comedy

**2. Reference to the Context in about 100 words each: 2 X 5 = 10**

- (i) “... These tribulations and unbearable expenses  
Are just a few of the ills that come with dowries.  
But she who brings no cash does bring obedience,  
While rich girls kill their husbands with their mischief and extravagance.”
- (ii) “...When my good father taught me to be good,  
Scarecrows he took for living flesh and blood. Thus, if he warned me not to spend  
but spare  
The moderate means I owe to his wise care,  
‘Twas, “See the life that son of Albius leads!”

**Section B**

**Answer the following in about 350 words each: 4 X 20 = 80**

1. Write a detailed note on the difference or similarities between the Homeric Epic and the Roman epic.
2. Evaluate *Oedipus Rex* as a tragedy for all times.
3. Examine *Pot of Gold* as a Roman comedy.
4. Examine the themes of Horace’s satires, especially Satire 1:4.