

**BEGC - 105**

**BA English Honours Programme  
(BAEGH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July 2023, and January 2024  
Sessions)**

*BA English Honours Compulsory Course*

**(BEGC 105)**

**American Literature**



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Compulsory Course of English (Hons) – BEGC 105

**American Literature**  
(BEGC–105)

Programme: BA English (Hons)

Course Code: BEGC-

105/2023-24

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the English Honours Course titled American Literature, 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).
3. The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

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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 January 2024 Batch**

**Last date of Submission for the December TEE: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024**

**For July 2023 Batch**

**Last date of Submission for the June Examination: 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

**Good Luck!**

**BEGC-105**  
**American Literature**  
**July 2023 & January 2024 Sessions**  
**(Based on Blocks 1 - 4)**

**TMA 01/2023-24**  
**Max. Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions.**

**Section A**

**5×4=20**

**Answer with reference to the context:**

- (i) Exult O shores, and ring O bells!  
But I with mournful tread.  
Walk the deck my captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.
  
- (ii) The Crow God as depicted  
in all of the reliable Crow bibles  
looks exactly like a Crow.
  
- (iii) They added ridge to valley, brook to pond  
And signed for all that bounded their domain;  
This suits me for a pasture; that's my park;  
We must have clay, lime, gravel, granite-ledge,
  
- (iv) We slowly drove-he knew no haste  
and I had put away  
My labour and leisure too,  
for his civility.

**Section B**

**Answer the following in about 300 words each:**

**5X4=20**

1. Interpret the "Brahma" in terms of Indian thought.
2. Write a critical note on 'Passage to India'.
3. What is the source of Emily Dickinson's biographical details?
4. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Crow Testament".

## Section C

Answer the following questions in about 600 words each:

4X15=60

1. What were the prominent themes that captured the imagination of writers of short fiction? Discuss.
2. How did Henrik Ibsen contribute to the growth of modern American drama?
3. Does Hawthorne accept the moral ideas of Puritans, especially regarding adultery? Discuss it with reference to the texts prescribed for you.
4. What are the special features of *The Scarlet Letter* as a fictional work? Elaborate on it.