

**BEGE - 144**

**BA English (Honours) Programme  
(BAEGH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For January 2022 Sessions)**

**BA English Honours (BEGE 144)  
Understanding the Novel**



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## Understanding the Novel (BEGE–144)

Programme: BA English (Honours)  
Course Code: BEGE-144/2022

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the BA English Honours Programme - Course titled *Understanding the Novel* Code BEGE-144, 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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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 the December TEE: 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**For the June TEE: 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Good Luck!**

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**TMA 01/2022**  
**Max. Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions.**

**Section A**

**1. Write short notes in about 200 words each:**

**4 × 5 = 20**

- (i) Types of the novel
- (ii) New areas of novel writing
- (iii) Third Person Narrative
- (iv) Symbolism

**Section B**

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

**4 X 7.5 = 30**

1. How would you define writing style? Explain.
2. Is it necessary to have an understanding of an age to read a writer/ a novel? Think and answer.
3. What were some of the themes of early Odia novels?
4. How did colonialism disrupt social life in Africa? Base your answer on your understanding of *Things Fall Apart*.

**Section C**

**Answer the following questions in about 400 words each:**

**5 X 10 = 50**

1. Comment on the themes discussed in *The Awakening*.
2. Write a detailed essay on the use of songs, in *Paraja*.
3. Discuss *Paraja* as a translated novel.
4. Comment on the development of the Nigerian novel.
5. Examine the use of folk material such as Proverbs, Sayings and Metaphors in *Things Fall Apart*.