

BEGLA-138

**BA General Programme
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT

(For July, 2024 and January, 2025 Sessions)

BEGLA 138: Reading & Speaking Skills



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Core Course of BAG – BEGLA 138
Reading & Speaking Skills (BEGLA-138)

Programme: BAG
Course Code: BEGLA-138/2024-25

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the first BAG Course titled Reading & Speaking Skills Code BEGLA-138, 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.

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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ASSIGNMENT NO:

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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 July 2024 Session:

31st March 2025

For January 2025 Session:

30th September 2025

Good Luck!

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all questions.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

To view environmental protection through an ideological or political lens will only spell its doom. Environmental issues are currently at the centre of a heated debate. It may be politically convenient - but not presenting the complete picture - to express shock at India being ranked at "177 out of 180 countries" in the Environmental Performance Index Report. Besides, in the June 2020 EPI, India's rank stands improved at 168, not 177 which is the 2018 rank. The Environmental Performance Index has been developed by two U.S. universities (Yale and Columbia) in collaboration with the World Economic Forum and European Commission and available ranking shows India at 118 in 2006, 123 in 2010, 155 in 2014 and 177 in 2018, sought to be conveyed, regarding our standing. Also, the experts in the two universities conclude: "*..... the 2008 ranking suggests that wealth is a major determinant of environmental success." Any balance between the environment and development needs to best ruck within India and based on our priorities. struck within India and based on our priorities, and not some international index. Deforestation ought to be a primary concern of any right-thinking government. Forest clearances for mining and industries, while major, are not the only causes of deforestation. Population pressure due to which the slash-and-burn has reduced in forest areas from 17-to 20 years to two to three years giving no time for forest regeneration, and creeping conversion of forest to cultivated land are both major drivers of deforestation; there is also the increasing use of timber for house hold and industry purposes. However, while diversion of forests for mining and industry is regulated by law and challenged in courts, the other major drivers are not even discussed. Nirmal Ganga' can be achieved by zero discharge of effluents and domestic sewerage, but 'Aviral Ganga' can only be achieved by constant balancing between irrigation needs of agriculture and potable water for cities on the one hand and the environmental flow of the river on the other. The balance of imperatives between the environment and poverty eradication, and the critical need to harmonise the workings of the political affiliation. (Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-environment-is-a-national-issue/article32491199.ece>)

Questions:

- (a) How do you categorize this article by Jayanthi Natarajan based on the knowledge of different types of texts? Justify your response. 2
- b) What methods and strategies are being used by the author in this article? How are the intended goals achieved? 2
- (c) What, according to you, is the author's objective or purpose in structuring her article in this particular manner? 3
- (d) What are the major environmental concerns for the Indian government globally as well as domestically? 3

- (e) What according to you might be the reason for India's dismal performance on the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) and the factors contributing to it? 4
- (f) How does ideology or political affiliation create an effect on one's understanding of the environment? 4
- (g) Suggest an alternative title along with its proper justification. 2

SECTION B

2. Differentiate and explain the following in detail: 5×2=10
- (a) Rhythm and stress
(b) Falling and rising intonation
3. Explain the strategies for efficient study reading and the steps to remember while summarizing a paragraph/chapter. 10
4. What are the five key elements of a story? Explain. 10
5. What are the 7 c's of communication? Discuss 10
6. What do you understand by the Communication cycle? 10
7. Rohan and Sonu are two best friends who have not been able to meet each other due to the pandemic. Both of them are going to meet each other today evening at Sonu's house with a plan to watch a movie of their choice. Create an informal conversation on behalf of Rohan persuading Sonu to step out of the house so that both of them can enjoy an evening stroll. 10
8. Explain in detail the difference between the different types of Text. 10
9. What are the barriers that influence communication? 10