

MEG-04

**Master's Degree in English
(MEG)**

**ASSIGNMENT
(For July 2024 and January 2025 Sessions)**

MEG-04: ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE



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ASSIGNMENT
ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE (MEG-04)
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH

Course Code: MEG-04

Dear Students,

You will have to attempt a single assignment for the Master's Degree in English (MEG-04). The assignment is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It will be based on blocks 1 to 9. The number of choices has been restricted in order to ensure that you read the study materials thoroughly and attempt some independent critical thinking.

Aims: This TMA is concerned mainly with assessing your application and understanding of the course material. You are not required to reproduce chunks of information from the course material but to apply the information you have acquired during the course of study. This assignment aims to teach as well as to assess your performance. Please ensure that you read all the units of the course. Do make points as you go along.

Instructions:

Before attempting the questions, please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Read the detailed instructions about the assignments given in the Programme Guide for Elective Courses.
2. 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:

	ENROLMENTNO.
	NAME:.....
	ADDRESS:.....
COURSE TITLE:.....	
ASSIGNMENTNO:.....	
STUDYCENTRE:.....DATE:.....	

4. Use only A4 size paper for your response and tag all the pages carefully.
5. Write the relevant question number with each answer.
6. You should write in your own handwriting.

7. Submission: The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you by 30th Sept, 2024 (if enrolled for the July 2024 Session) and 31st March 2025 (if enrolled in the January 2025 Session)

8. Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide.

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering questions.

GUIDELINES FOR TMAs

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

1. **Planning:** Read the questions carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order. And please write the answers in your own words. Do not reproduce passages from the units.
2. **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarise your response to the question. During your answer, you may like to make references to other texts or critics as this will add some depth to your analysis.

Make sure that your answer:

- (a) is logical and coherent;
 - (b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - (c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
 - (d) does not exceed the number of words indicated in your question.
3. **Presentation:** 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 may be aware that **you need to submit your assignments before you can appear for the Term End Exams. Please remember to keep a copy of your completed assignment, just in case the one you submitted is lost in transit.**

Good luck with your work!

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Max. Marks: 100

1. What are the characteristics of human language? Discuss each in detail. 20
2. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Back-formation
 - b. Compounding 2×10=20
3. Discuss the significance and types of motivation in the context of second language learning. 20
4. Word is “a minimum free form.” Elaborate. 20
5. Write a critical note on “Indianness” in Indian English. Give relevant examples. 20