

# **Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP)**

## **ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July, 2020 and January, 2021 Sessions)**

***Application Oriented Course in English***

**Feature Writing in English**



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**Application Oriented Course in English – AFW - 1**  
**Feature Writing in English (AFW –1)**

**Programme: BDP**  
**Course Code: AFW - 1/2020 - 21**

Dear Student

You will have one assignment for the Application Oriented Course in English AFW-1, which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry **100 marks**. It will be based on **blocks 1 to 5**.

**Aims:** This assignment is concerned mainly with assessing your application and your understanding of the course material. You are not required 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.

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:

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ENROLMENT NO: .....  
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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.

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 **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** (if enrolled in the July 2020 Session) and **30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2021** (if enrolled in the January 2021 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. Read the features that regularly appear in magazines and periodicals. These readings will help you in attempting the assignment better. Do maintain the purity of language and readability of your answer in mind if you wish to get a good grade. Be satisfied with the draft before you prepare your assignment and submit it to the Study Centre for evaluation.

**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!**

**AFW -1**  
**Feature Writing in English**  
**Assignment 2020 - 2021**  
**(Based on Blocks 1-5)**

**Max. Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions.**

1. Imagine you are a journalist working for a well known national paper, which aspects of your work would need special attention? 20
  
2. Do you think editing is an important tool in feature writing? Discuss with suitable examples. 20
  
3. Write a feature on some of the social problems in your neighbourhood. For this purpose interview actual people in your neighbourhood who have been a victim of these social miscreants. 20
  
4. Write short notes and give suitable examples of each of the following: 10 X 2 = 20
  - (i) Types of sports features
  - (ii) Types of interviews
  
5. Write a review of a book on social issues that you read recently. Illustrate what a good book review should include through your answer. 20