

**BA English Honours Programme
(BAEGH)**

ASSIGNMENT

(For July, 2020 and January, 2021 Sessions)

**BA English Honours Compulsory Course
(BEGC 104)**

British Poetry and Drama - 14th to 17th Century



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Compulsory Course of English (Hons) – BEGC 104
British Poetry and Drama - 14th and 17th Century (BEGC–104)

Programme: BA English (Hons)
Course Code: BEGC-104/2020

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the first English Honours Course titled British Poetry and Drama - 14th to 17th Century Code BEGC-104, 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).

The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

ENROLMENT NO:
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ADDRESS:
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ASSIGNMENT NO:
STUDY CENTRE: 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 June Examination: 30th April
For December Examination: 31st October

Good Luck!

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all questions.

Section A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 200 words each. 4 × 5 = 20

- (i) Significance of the porter scene.
- (ii) Wife of Bath as interpreter.
- (iii) The characters of Alison and Jankins.
- (iv) The term Renaissance.

Section B

Answer the following questions in about 300 words each: 4 X 7.5 = 30

- 1. Discuss the theme of Sin and Redemption in *Dr. Faustus*.
- 2. In what sense is *The Wife of Bath's Prologue* dramatic. Explain.
- 3. Comment on the nature of time in Shakespeare's sonnets keeping in view the theme of immortality.
- 4. Critically analyze any one soliloquy by Macbeth.

Section C

Answer the following questions in about 800 words each: 5 X 10 = 50

- 1. Comment on *The Wife of Bath's Prologue* as an example of social criticism.
- 2. Discuss the play *Macbeth* as a tragedy.
- 3. Is *Amoretti* a love poem? Discuss the idea of love projected by Spenser in it.
- 4. Critically comment on Donne's argument against death in the sonnet 'Death, Be Not Proud'.
- 5. Critically analyze 'Sonnet 55'.