

**BEGG 173**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July 2022 and January 2023 Sessions)**

**ACADEMIC WRITING AND COMPOSITION**

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**Programme: BAG/2022-23**  
**Course Code: BEGG-173**

**Dear Student,**

You are required to do **one** assignment for the course ‘Academic Writing and Composition’ (BEGG 173). It is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It covers four blocks of the course.

**Guidelines:**

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. **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.**

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

<b>For June Examination</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>For December Examination</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>

**Good Luck!**

**Note: *Remember the submission of assignment is a precondition for appearing in the examination. If you do not submit the assignment on time, you will not be allowed to appear in the examination.***

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**Answer all questions in this assignment.**

**SECTION A**

**I** Write short notes of about 100 words each on the following: **5x5=25**

1. How is academic writing different from non-academic writing? Give suitable examples of both.
2. Write a short note on what you understand by the term 'critical thinking'. What are the three essential components of critical thinking?
3. What aspects should be considered while writing the introductory paragraph of an academic essay?
4. With suitable examples, explain the significance of 'signposts' and 'transitions' in narrative.
5. Explain, with examples, how narrative writing differs from expository writing.

**Section B**

**II. Write short essays of about 200 words each on the following:** **2x10=20**

1. Discuss the three stages of the process approach to writing.
2. What is 'copyright law'? Why is it important for a writer of academic essays to be aware of copyright law?

**III. Answer the following question in about 250 words.** **15**

1. What are the defining features of an argumentative essay? With suitable examples, show how argumentative writing differs from persuasive writing.

**Section C**

**IV. Write a well structured composition on the topic:** **15**

'Online learning and the higher education scenario in India: issues and possibilities.'

(Your essay should have a clear introductory paragraph, body paragraph and concluding paragraph. You can take hints from Unit 7 to write this answer).

V. The principal of your college has conducted a meeting to discuss the preparations for the forthcoming College Annual Day. Write a brief report of the meeting.

**10**

VI. i. While writing a review, what aspects would you consider, in order to make it most effective?

**5**

ii. Write the review of a research article that you read recently in an academic journal.

**10**