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FIRST SEMESTER

**INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY
(BEGC 131)**



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Dear Student,

You are required to do **one** assignment for the course 'Individual and Society' (BEGC 131). It is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It covers four blocks of the course.

Aims: The TMA is primarily concerned with assessing your proficiency in English. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the passage(s) but effectively use the skills of reading and writing that you may have acquired during the course of study to compose your answers. These assignments aim to teach as well as to assess your performance.

Guidelines: You will be required to answer the questions on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and composition.

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:

For June Examination	30th April
For December Examination	31st October

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.

SECTION A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

(5 x 2=10)

If India is the macrocosm that represents unity in diversity, Nagaland is the microcosm of that philosophy. A melting pot of different tribal culture and cuisines, Nagaland is place where primeval landscapes, ancient people can leave you floored. At the Hornbill Festival held from December 1 to 10 in the state capital Kohima. I discovered that the concept of *Athithi Devo Bhava- 'Guest is God'*, came naturally to the Nagas, the indigenous people of the region.

The Hornbill Festival showcases a mélange of cultural displays under one roof, attracting visitors from across the world. It usually takes place in the first week of December at the Naga Heritage Village called Kisama, located 12 km from Kohima. The village gets its name from the two villages Kigwema (Ki) and Phesama (Sa), where the village is now established. The suffix 'Ma' means village. Seventeen major tribes including Ao, Angami, Chang, Konyak, Lotha, Sum and Chakhesang take part in the festival. Besides reviving and protecting the rich culture of Nagaland, it helps visitors have a closer understanding of the people and their culture.

According to Banuo Z Jamir, Nagaland's first woman chief secretary, the festival is named after the hornbill, the bird eulogized in Naga tribal folklore. "Hornbill is central to the Naga tradition, finding symbolic representation in their faith and costumes," She said.

For Nagas, the bird exudes qualities of nobility, beauty and bravery and because of its roar-like call, its strength is believed to equal that of a tiger which personifies the quintessential Naga warrior. It is also a symbol of fertility-reproduction and agriculture-and is perceived to possess social values similar to those of humans.

1. What is the philosophy being referred to?
2. Why Nagaland is considered a 'melting pot'?
3. The Hornbill Festival 'showcases a mélange of cultural displays under one roof'. Discuss this statement in the light of the passage.
4. What does the Hornbill represent to the Nagas?
5. Give a suitable title to the passage.

6. Use the following words in sentences of your own:

(5x2=10)

- a. macrocosm
- b. cuisine
- c. melange
- d. eulogize
- e. folklore

Section B

2. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B

(10x1=10)

S.NO.	COLUMN A	COLUMN B
i	Diabetes	blood pressure that is higher than normal.
ii	Coronary disease	a condition in which the bones become weak and are easily broken
iii	Cancer	a disease that causes pain and swelling in one or more joints of the body
iv	Hypertension	a medical condition caused by the lack of insulin
v	Parkinson's Syndrome	a serious disease in which growth of confused cells, form in the body and kill normal body cells.
vi	Osteoporosis	a disease connected with the heart
vii	Arthritis	a disease of the nervous system that causes the limbs to shake
viii	Relapse	happens again, like illness.
ix	Recurrence	fact of becoming ill again
x	Regressive	becoming or making something less advanced.

3. Make new words by adding suffix to the following words.

(5x1=5)

Educate, conclude, produce, construct, permit

4. Complete the following sentences with the correct modals.

(5x1=5)

- i. _____ you do me a favour?
- ii. _____ I have a glass of water?
- iii. The recipe I am trying _____ turn out to be a hit
- iv. The hotel staff _____ behave politely.
- v. One _____ not lead sedentary life.

5. Complete the following sentences with participles using the basic verb given in the brackets.

(5x1=5)

- i) 'There are no marks allocated for neatness in theanswers,' announced the teacher. (write)
- ii) Doctors were finding it difficult to cope with so manypassengers after the train accident. (injure)
- iii) Many people from India went to the African countries to start businesses. Soon they had a trade and decided to settle here. (flourish)
- iv) The News of the Youth Festival in the university reached all colleges in no time. (excite)
- v) The guests were impressed with the pretty decorations and the neatly furniture. (arrange)
- vi) One of the principles of life is to be straightforward and honest. (abide)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct words given in brackets.

(5x1=5)

- i) You will (lose, loose) _____ your money if you carry it in your hand.
- ii) He spent his (Vocation, vacation) _____ rock climbing.
- iii) No one will address the audience (accept, except) _____ the Chief Guest.
- iv) This is the (centre, middle) _____ of the circle.
- v) My father is very (peculiar, particular) _____ about going for his early morning walk.

SECTION C

7. You have been asked to give an inspiring speech about how one can achieve one's dreams with courage and perseverance. Write out the speech in around 250 words.

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8. Write an essay in around 250 words on the topic:
Environment and Technology: Exploring the sustainable dynamics

(20)

9. You and your friends have decided to visit Himachal in the last week of December this year. Write a dialogue in around 200 words between you and a Travel Agent enquiring for the required arrangements for this trip.

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