

**BA General Programme
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT

(For July, 2023 and January, 2024 Sessions)

BEGLA 137: Language through Literature



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Core Course of BAG – BEGLA 137
Language through Literature (BEGLA-137)

Programme: BAG/BEGLA-137
Course Code: BEGLA-137/2023-24

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the first BAG Course titled Language through Literature Code BEGLA-137, 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.

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:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
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COURSE TITLE:
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: 31st March
For December Examination: 30th September

Good Luck!

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Max. Marks: 100

Answer all questions.

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs or prepositions to form phrasal verbs: (10)

- i) Please take your coat.
- ii) We have taken a new project.
- iii) I was taken a doctor because I had been able to cure some people in the neighborhood.
- iv) Seeta takes her mother.
- v) The old lady offered to take the homeless stranger.

2. Give meanings of the phrasal verbs in the following sentences in a few words. (10)

- i) Don't *give in to* the threats of the terrorists.
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- ii) The engine *gives off* steam.
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- iii) They tried to *cover up* the evil deed.
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- iv) I *fell for* the beautiful girl.
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- v) We'll *see you off* at the station
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3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by using the correct forms of the words given below. Indicate in each case whether the word is used as a noun or a verb. (Each word has to be used twice, once as a noun and once as a verb.) pitch, race, litter, file, spell. (10)

- i) He usually the ball at the right place.
- ii) The cricket is wet today.
- iii) Many thoughts through his mind when his son was in the operating theatre.
- iv) I wish to see his personal
- v) You have to feed the cat and its
- vi) He has the word wrongly.
- vii) She came first in the 100-metre
- viii) The magician cast a on her.
- ix) Please this letter.
- x) 'The muddy ground was with crawling worms'. (Khushwant Singh: The Mark of Vishnu)

4. Write short notes on any four of the following. Give suitable examples. (5x4= 20)

- i) Alliteration
- ii) Assonance
- iii) Rhyme
- iv) Onomatopoeia
- v) Rhythm

5. What do you understand by Irony? Discuss in detail the following. (20)

- a. Irony of situation
- b. Irony in satire
- c. Ironic contrast

6. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (10)

May she be granted beauty and yet not Beauty to make a stranger's eye distraught,
Or hers before a looking-glass, for such, Being made beautiful overmuch, Consider
beauty a sufficient end,

Lose natural kindness and maybe The heart-revealing intimacy
The chooses right, and never find a friend. (William Butler Yeats: 'A Prayer for My Daughter')

- i) What kind of beauty does the poet want his daughter to have?
 - ii) What are the hazards of being made beautiful overmuch'? How does the poet illustrate his point?
7. Outline the main strategies for being polite while doing things with language. (20)