

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions)**

**ELECTIVE COURSE IN ENGLISH (BEGE-108)
READING THE NOVEL**



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Elective Course in English (BEGE–105)
UNDERSTANDING PROSE

Programme: BDP
Course Code: BEGE –108/2026-27

Dear Students,

You will have one assignment for the Elective Course in English (BEGE - 108), which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry 100 marks .It will be based on blocks 1 to 7.

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:

COURSE TITLE:.....	ASSIGNMENT NO:.....
ENROLMENT NO:.....	NAME :.....
ADDRESS:	
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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.
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 31st March 2027 (For July, 2026 Session) and 30th September, 2027 (For January, 2027 Session)**. Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide.

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the 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. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order. And please write the answers in your own words. Do not reproduce passages from the units.
2. **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarise your response to the question. In the course of your answer, you may like to make references to other texts or critics as this will add some depth to your analysis.

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 emphasise.

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!

BEGE-108
Reading the Novel Assignment
2026-27
(Based on Blocks 1-6)

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Max.Marks:100

Attempt all the questions.

1. Write short notes on any two of the following:
(2×10=20)
 - a. Round characters
 - b. Time and place in the novel.
 - c. Novels of Diaspora
 - d. Role of House Aashiana in *Sunlight on a Broken Column*
2. Write a note on symbolism in *The Awakening*. Give examples.
(20)
3. Critically analyse the portrayal of two contrasting worlds in *A Tale of Two Cities* and examine how these contrasts reveal the social reality and human suffering of the age.
(20)
4. Discuss how Achebe's use of folk materials in *Things Fall Apart* shapes the novel's narrative and theme.
(20)
5. What is the relevance of songs used in *Paraja*? How do these songs reflect the Paraja tribe's culture and traditions? Give examples from the novel.
(20)