

**BA English Major FYUP Programme
(BAFEG)**

**ASSIGNMENT
(For July, 2026 and January, 2027 sessions)**

**BA English Major (BEGM 161)
Understanding Poetry**



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Understanding Poetry (BEGM–161)

Programme: BA English Major (BAFEG)

Course Code: BEGM-161/2026-27

Dear Student

You are required to do one assignment for the English Course titled Understanding Poetry Code BEGM-161, 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: 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).
3. The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

ENROLMENT NO:**NAME:**

ADDRESS:

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 the following question.

Explain with reference to the context in 300 words each.

Section A

10 x 2=20

- a. Appeared in idle dream that could not live
where meditation was, I turned away.
And walked along my road in happiness.
- b. Sometimes a rain comes
Slowly across the sky that turns
Upon it grey cloud, breaking way into light.

Section B

- a. Critically analyze the poem “The Colours of Truth”. 20
- b. Attempt a critical analysis of the poem “Ode to Bombay”. 20
- c. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem “Postcard from Kashmir”. 20
- d. Critically analyze the poem “The Negro Speaks of Rivers”. 20