

Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP)

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

Application Oriented Course in English
Feature Writing in English



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Application Oriented Course in English – AFW - 1
Feature Writing in English (AFW –1)

Programme: BDP
Course Code: AFW - 1/2026 - 27

Dear Student

You will have one assignment for the Application Oriented Course in English AFW-1, which will be a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and will carry **100 marks**. It will be based on **blocks 1 to 5**.

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:

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.

6. You should write in your own handwriting.
4. **Submission:** The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you **by 30th September (For January Session) and 31st March (For July Session)**.
7. Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide.

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering 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. Read the features that regularly appear in magazines and periodicals. These readings will help you in attempting the assignment better. Do maintain the purity of language and readability of your answer in mind if you wish to get a good grade. Be satisfied with the draft before you prepare your assignment and submit it to the Study Centre for evaluation.

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 emphasize.

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!

AFW -1
Feature Writing in English
Assignment 2026 - 2027
(Based on Blocks 1-5)

Max. Marks: 100
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Answer all questions.

1. Write short notes on any two of the following : 2X10=20
 - (a) Importance of illustrations in feature writing
 - (b) Objectivity in reviewing a book
 - (c) The importance of editing in writing features
 - (d) Economic features

2. You are a sports correspondent who is covering the FIFA World Cup. Write a short feature on the World Cup. 20

3. What are the sources of information available to a travel writer? How should the travel writer supplement his/ her text? 20

4. Write a feature on working women and the sacrifices they make to achieve their dream of a career. 20

5. What are the essential qualifications or qualities a good book reviewer should possess? Illustrate what a good book review should include through your answer. 20