



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

ASSIGNMENT

(For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions)

FEG-02: Foundation Course in English-2

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FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH-2 (FEG-02)

Dear Student,

Programme: BDP/2026-27

Course Code: FEG-02

You are required to do **one** assignment for the Foundation Course in English-2. 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 writing and study skills. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the units but effectively use the skills 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 write a paragraph, an essay, reports, make notes and summarize.

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. 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.

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. If you have not submitted the assignment in time you will not be allowed to appear in the 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.

The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator at the Study Centre allotted to you.

Last date for submission of assignment:

For December 2026 Examination – 30th September 2026

For June 2027 Examination – 31st March 2027

Good Luck!

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Attempt all the questions

Max. Marks: 100

1. Read the following passage and make notes in an appropriate format: (15)

Few beverages are as closely woven into Indian life as tea. Although the tea plant grew wild in the forests of Assam, tea drinking became widespread in India only in the twentieth century. The British established the first commercial tea gardens in Assam in the 1830s, and cultivation soon spread to Darjeeling, the Nilgiris and other hill regions. Today India is one of the largest producers and consumers of tea in the world, and the roadside tea stall is as familiar a sight in our towns and villages as the post office or the bus stop.

Tea grows best in regions with warm temperatures, heavy rainfall and well-drained sloping land, which is why the plantations are concentrated in the hills of the north-east and the south. Each region gives the leaf a distinct character. Assam tea is strong and malty and forms the base of most blends sold in the country. Darjeeling tea is light and fragrant, prized so highly abroad that it is often called the ‘champagne of teas’. Nilgiri tea from the southern hills is brisk and aromatic. In recent years, green tea and white tea, which are processed differently from the familiar black tea, have also found a growing market among health-conscious consumers.

The tea industry is one of the largest employers in the organised sector in India, providing work to more than a million people, a large proportion of whom are women engaged in plucking the leaves. Besides the big estates, lakhs of small growers now cultivate tea on modest holdings and sell their leaves to processing factories, and they account for an increasingly large share of the country’s production.

The industry, however, faces serious challenges. Climate change has brought irregular rainfall and rising temperatures, which reduce both the yield and the quality of the leaf. The cost of production keeps rising while prices fluctuate, squeezing the earnings of estates and small growers alike. Many gardens have ageing bushes that urgently need replanting. Experts suggest that the future of Indian tea depends on scientific replantation, fair wages and better living conditions for workers, and vigorous promotion of Indian tea in markets at home and abroad.

2. Write a summary of the passage and give it an appropriate title. (15)

3. Write a paragraph of 100-150 words on any one of the following topics: (10)

- a) Digital payments in daily life b) The joy of gardening

4. You are the Secretary of the Students’ Union in your college. Write a report in 250 words of a meeting held to discuss how to organise a book fair in the college. (20)

5. Write a report in 250 words of an interview you had with a well-known writer who visited your college. (20)

6. Write a composition of 250-300 words based on any *one* of the pictures given below:
(20)

