

**BEGC 131**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
(BAG)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions)**

**BA GENERAL  
INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY  
(BEGC 131)**



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# ASSIGNMENT

## INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

### (BEGC-131)

**Programme: BAG/2025-26**  
**Course Code: BEGC-131**

**Dear Student,**

You are required to do **one** assignment for the course 'Individual and Society'(BEGC 131).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 proficiency in English. You should not reproduce chunks of information from the passage(s) but effectively use the skills of reading and writing 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 answer the questions on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and composition.

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; note down some points regarding each question and then rearrange 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. **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.**

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

**For June Examination                    31<sup>st</sup> March**

**For December Examination        30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Good Luck!**

**Note: Remember the submission of assignment is a precondition for appearing in the examination. If you do not submit the assignment on time, you will not be allowed to appear in the examination.**

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**There are three sections in this assignment attempt all the sections**

**SECTION A**

1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

**(5 x 2=10)**

The relationship between the individual and society is both complex and essential. Society plays a significant role in shaping an individual's thoughts, actions, values, and identity. From the moment we are born, we are socialized into a web of relationships that teach us how to behave, what to believe, and how to perceive the world. Institutions such as family, school, religious groups, peer circles, and media all contribute to this socialization process.

However, the influence is not one-sided. While society moulds the individual, the individual also contributes to society's evolution. When people question social norms, propose reforms, or introduce new ideas, they help reshape the collective conscience of a community. For example, individuals who fought against colonial rule, social discrimination, or environmental destruction have played a major role in transforming societies.

Social norms and values provide a framework within which individuals act. They offer a sense of order and belonging. At the same time, these norms can become restrictive, especially when they limit freedom, creativity, or equality. In such cases, individuals may feel the need to resist or reform these norms. When a young person speaks up against gender stereotypes or challenges caste-based discrimination, they are not only asserting their individuality but also pushing society toward inclusiveness and justice.

The balance between individual freedom and social responsibility is crucial. A society that suppresses personal expression becomes rigid and unjust. On the other hand, individuals who ignore social responsibilities can create disorder or harm the collective well-being. Hence, the ideal scenario is one where individuals enjoy the freedom to think, express, and grow, while also understanding their duty toward social harmony, justice, and mutual respect.

In this dynamic interaction, both the individual and society benefit. The individual finds purpose and belonging, while the society grows through the diverse contributions of its members. Understanding this mutual relationship is key to building a world that is both free and fair.

1. According to the passage, how does society influence the individual?
2. What role do individuals play in changing society? Provide an example from the passage.
3. Explain the meaning of the line: "An individual does not exist in isolation."
4. What is the ideal relationship between individual freedom and social responsibility?
5. Find words from the passage that mean the following:

- a) Ongoing and always changing
- b) A shared understanding or awareness among members of a group

2. Use the following words in sentences of your own:

**(5x2=10)**

- 1. Socialization
- 2. Norms
- 3. Identity
- 4. Values
- 5. Interaction

### **SECTION B**

**(3x10=30)**

- 1. Write a speech on the role of youth in combating climate change.
- 2. Write a dialogue between two neighbours discussing ways to make their locality greener and cleaner.
- 3. Write a report on the Tree Plantation Drive organized in your institution or community.

### **SECTION C**

- 1. You are the manager of Ocean View Hotel, Goa. Write an email to a guest confirming their room reservation and offering optional tour package during their stay. **10**
- 2. Write an essay on the role of sustainable development in protecting the environment. **20**
- 3. Write a letter to your cousin who is planning a trip to Jaipur, recommending places to visit and a comfortable place to stay. **20**