

# **BA General Programme**

**(BAG)**

## **ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July, 2025 & January, 2026 Sessions)**

**(BEGG 172)**

**Language and Linguistics**



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**BA GENERAL (BAG)–BEGG172**  
**Language and Linguistics (BEGG–172)**

**Programme: BA General (BAG)**  
**Course Code: BEGG-172/July 2025-Jan.26**

Dear Student,

You are required to do one assignment for the English Course titled Language and Linguistics Code BEGG-172, 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:** There are three sections – Section A, B & C, you are required to attempt all questions in your own words and handwritten Assignments should be submitted on time.

**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:

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COURSE TITLE:.....	ASSIGNMENT NO.....
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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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (For July, 2025 Session) and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2026 (For January, 2026 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!**

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**(Based on Blocks 1-4)**

**Max.Marks:100**

**Attempt all the sections.**

**SECTION A**

1. **Write short notes on the following:** **5x4=20**
- i. Phoneme
  - ii. Syntax
  - iii. Code-Switching
  - iv. Semantics
  - v. Idiolect

**SECTION-B**

**Answer the following:** **5x 10=50**

1. Explain the role of stressed and unstressed syllables in connected speech, using appropriate examples to illustrate your answer.
2. Define diphthongs. Explain their characteristics with at least two examples from English. How do they differ from pure vowels?
3. Explain the seven basic sentence patterns in English with appropriate examples.
4. Explain the structure and function of a Verb Phrase in English grammar. Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples.
5. Discuss the concept of multilingualism and its significance in the Indian sociolinguistic context.

**SECTION C**

**Answer the following questions:** **2x15=30**

1. What are the key features that distinguish human language from animal communication systems? Illustrate your answer with appropriate linguistic concepts and examples.
2. Explain the concept of morphology in linguistics. Discuss the different types of morphemes and their role in word formation, with suitable examples.