

**B.A. Honours(FYUP)
BAFEC**

**ASSIGNMENTS
(2026)**

**Course Code:BECC-117
Title of Course: Development Economics**

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**BECC-117
Development Economics
Assignment(TMA)2026**

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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide for BAFEC, you will have to do one assignment for this Elective course in Economics (BECC-117). This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks.

It is important that you write answers to all the questions in your own words. The TMA is designed to enable you to answer different categories of questions. Here evaluation is made keeping in view your ability to present your answer in a systematic, precise and coherent manner. The assignment is divided into three Sections. All questions are compulsory. Section A comprises two long answer questions of 20 marks each. Section B comprises three questions of 10 marks each while in Section C you have to answer two questions of 15 marks each.

Submission: The completed assignments should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre.

Last date for submission of assignment is:

30th September,2026 For the students appearing in December 2026 Term End Examination

BECC-117: DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS-I

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Assignment Code: BECE-141/AST/TMA/2026

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions

A. Long Answer Questions (word limit-500 words) 2×20 = 40 marks

1) Discuss the theory of demographic transition.

2) Explain the concept of economic inequality. Explain the various methods of measuring economic inequality.

B. Medium Answer Questions (word-limit-250 words) 3× 10 = 30 marks

3) Discuss the significance of the four liberal principles of democracy.

4) What do you understand by a natural monopoly? Why are public utilities usually natural monopolies?

5) Differentiate between share tenancy and fixed-rental system. Explain the Marshallian argument about the inefficiency of share tenancy.

C. Short Answer Questions (word limit 100 words) 2× 3 × 5 = 30 marks

6) Differentiate between:

(a) Linear theories of underdevelopment and structural theories of underdevelopment.

(b) Positive externalities and negative externalities.

(c) The internationalistic approach to globalization and globalistic approach to globalisation.

7) Write short notes on the following.

(a) The Harris-Todaro model.

(b) Social Capital.

(c) Sustainable Development.