

## **Orientation Programme for BA 1st Year English (Major & Minor) Students: A Report**

The Department of English held an Orientation Programme for BA 1st year students (Day and Morning sections) on the 12th and 13th of July, 2023. The objective was to acquaint students with English literature as a subject and familiarize them with the syllabus and semester system.

The programme began with an introduction to the meaning of literature and the advantages of taking English as a subject.

Students were advised to take internal tests and assignments seriously, as they constitute 25% of the total marks. Regular visits to the library were encouraged to explore literature beyond the text. Students were reminded of the importance of time management, given the semester system's biannual exams. They were also instructed to avoid stereotyped answers to prevent average marking, which could adversely affect their grades. The open-ended nature of literature, allowing for multiple answers with justifications based on the prescribed text, was emphasized.

The instructor explained the differences in the English question paper formats for Elective and Honours students, stressing the importance of focusing on Honours papers for long-term academic success.

The programme concluded with an introduction to the activities of LSLA, the literary club of the English department.

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