

MSO

# Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

First Year  
M.A. Sociology

Assignment  
July 2023 and January 2024 sessions

## Assignment for the Core Courses:

MSO-001: Sociological Theories and Concepts  
MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods  
MSO-003: Sociology of Development  
MSO-004: Sociology in India



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## ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment (TMA) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words**.

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2023 Batch	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2024	<b>To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
For students admitted in January 2024 Batch	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024	

You must **obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

### Some Tips for Doing Assignments

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind while doing the assignments:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully; go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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**Core Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSO-001: Sociological Theories and Concepts**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code: MSO**  
**Course Code: MSO-001**  
**Assignment Code: MSO-001/AST/TMA/2023-24**

**Maximum Marks: 100**  
**Weightage: 30%**

**Answer any five questions selecting *at least two* from each of the sections. Your answers should be in about 500 words each.**

	<b>Marks</b>
<b>Section-I</b>	
1. Discuss the role of Concept and Theory in sociological analysis.	20
2. Explain the perspective of Evans-Pritchard on social structure.	20
3. Examine the distinction between Marxian and Weberian ideologies.	20
4. Discuss Malinowski's Scientific Theory of Culture.	20
5. Explain the concept of social reality in the context of symbolic universe.	20
<b>Section-II</b>	
6. Distinguish between modernization and modernity.	20
7. Discuss the elements of caste in gender stratification.	20
8. Explain the roles and functions of civil society in a democracy.	20
9. Explain the major perspectives to understand social stratification.	20
10. What is post-structuralism? Examine Derrida's theory of 'deconstruction'.	20

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**Core Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code : MSO**  
**Course Code : MSO-002**  
**Assignment Code : MSO-002/AST/TMA/2023-24**

**Maximum Marks : 100**  
**Weightage : 30%**

**Answer questions from both the sections.**

**Marks**

**Section –A**

Answer any *two* of the following questions

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| 1. Discuss the merits and limitation of field research.  | 25 |
| 2. What do you understand by participatory research? Explain with the help of suitable examples.       | 25 |
| 3. Critically examine the relevance of quantitative methods of data analysis in sociological research. | 25 |
| 4. Explain case study as a method of social research.  | 25 |
| 5. Discuss the role of ethics in sociological research.  | 25 |

**Section-B**

Write a research report on any *one* of the following topics in about 3000 words.

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| 1. Education and social mobility in India. | 50 |
| 2. Indian youth and the social media.      | 50 |
| 3. Street vendors and Indian society.      | 50 |

You can write this report based either on review of literature, or data collected from the primary sources.

For review of literature you are to select either two books or four research articles published recently on the selected topic of your choice. Write a review article focusing on the location of the study, methodology followed and the main findings of these studies.

For the primary source you are to collect two case studies and write a report on the selected topic in a comparative framework. While writing the report spell out clearly the objectives and the problems of the study and

- problematise the issue within the existing/available literature,
- elaborate your observations, finding and conclusion coherently, and
- make proper referencing at the end.

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**MSO-003: Sociology of Development**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code: MSO**

**Course Code: MSO-003**

**Assignment Code: MSO-003/AST/TMA/2023-24**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**Answer any five questions selecting *at least two* from each of the sections. Your answers should be in about 500 words each.**

**Marks**

**Section -I**

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| 1. What is Development? Discuss the social and human dimensions of development.   | 20 |
| 2. What is Green Peace Movement? Discuss its relevance in contemporary world.   | 20 |
| 3. Explain in detail the concept of ethno-development and its relevance in India's developmental strategy.              | 20 |
| 4. Discuss the impacts of large dams on the economic, social and ecological aspects of the society?                     | 20 |
| 5. What is knowledge/Information Society? Analyze the role of the role of knowledge and ICTs in empowering communities. | 20 |

**Section-II**

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| 6. Discuss in detail the emergence and growth of people science movement.                              | 20 |
| 7. Explain in detail the role of State on population control.  | 20 |
| 8. What do you understand by 'human development'? How does it differ from economic development.        | 20 |
| 9. Describe dependency theory and delineate its salient features.                                      | 20 |
| 10. Discuss the role of civil society for the empowerment of the marginalized sections of the society. | 20 |

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**Masters in Sociology**  
**MSO-004: Sociology in India**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code: MSO**

**Course Code: MSO-004**

**Assignment Code: MSO-004/AST/TMA/2023-24**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.**

**Section-I**

1. Describe the heritage of social thought in India which led to the emergence of sociology. 20
2. Discuss with suitable examples the major research on villages in India. 20
3. Define the concept of caste and discuss the Brahminic perspective on caste in India with suitable examples. 20
4. Explain with examples the forces of social and technological changes that impact the kinship institution in India. 20
5. Describe the changing values and life-style amongst the middle class woman. 20

**Section-II**

6. What are the major agrarian classes in India? Discuss with reference to the contributions of different Sociologists. 20
7. Discuss the relationship between tribe and caste in India with suitable examples. 20
8. Discuss critically the concepts of caste, class and gender in India. 20
9. How does the rural and urban societies change during a social or natural disaster like an epidemic or earthquake. Discuss critically. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 20
  - a) Concept of Sanskritization
  - b) Globalisation and its impact
  - c) Define social movement.
  - d) Social change and Social revolution.