

Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)

**Assignments
(July 2022 & January 2023 Sessions)**



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks with 30% weightage in the final assessment. Irrespective of the year and session of the registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

Instructions

- 1) The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:
 - Name & Full Address:
 - Enrolment No.:
 - Admission Session:
 - Course Code:
 - Course Title:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain or ruled paper for your responses, write on both the sides with margin and tie / staple all the pages carefully - course wise.
- 3) Write the question number with each answer.
- 4) You should write in your **own handwriting** and **only handwritten assignments are evaluated**.
- 5) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2022 Session is **31st March 2023** and for January 2023 Session is **30th September 2023** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) Speed post the assignments to:

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Keep a scan copy of assignments until the marks are reflected in your grade card.

Guidelines

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give 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 summarize your response to the question.
- 3) **Make sure that your answer:**
 - a) is around 800 to 1000 words for each question;
 - b) is logical, coherent and has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
- 4) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.
- 5) **Please contact the Programme Coordinator for any academic help / clarification:**
(Prof. P.V.K.Sasidhar, e-mail: pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in)

ASSIGNMENT - 1

Course Code: MAW -001
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. Discuss the differences between animal welfare, animal rights and animal cruelty.
2. What is meant by freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition? Discuss the principles of assessing hunger and thirst.
3. What are 'emergency' behaviours? Discuss the two main approaches of assessing animal welfare in relation to performance of normal behaviour.
4. Why animal welfare assessment is conducted? Discuss how animal welfare assessment can be used for continuous improvement in animal welfare.
5. Why is Sentience important in animal welfare? Explain briefly the main theories of ethics applied to animals.

ASSIGNMENT - 2

Course Code: MAW-002
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. Discuss different welfare issues in urban dairy animals.
2. Discuss different poultry farming systems with implications to welfare of birds and the related five freedoms.
3. Name the common welfare issues in working camels. Discuss the potential health risks and safer alternatives to nose pegs in camels.
4. Use of animals for performance and human entertainment is inherently cruel. Illustrate with suitable examples.
5. Why good welfare of zoo animals is so important? Discuss the major welfare issues in zoo animals.

ASSIGNMENT - 3

Course Code: MAW-003
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. Discuss the salient features of animal protection in Indian legal system.
2. Explain the procedure for seizure and maintenance of seized animals.
3. Discuss various strategies to be utilized for *ex-situ* conservation of wild animals.
4. Discuss the salient features of PCA (Establishment and Regulation of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Rules, 2001.
5. Describe the important considerations for designing and construction of slaughterhouse for ensuring the animal welfare during slaughter.

ASSIGNMENT - 4

Course Code: MAW-004
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. Explain the meaning, history and objectives of *Gaushala, Pinjarapole and Gosadan*.
2. Illustrate the welfare standards and good practices related to castration and shearing in small ruminants.
3. Describe the minimum standards and good practices in space allowance and other management practices of commercial layer poultry.
4. Explain the alternatives to animal usage in teaching.
5. Define emergency slaughter. Discuss why, where, how and by whom emergency slaughter of animals can be performed.