

# **Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)**

**Assignments  
(July 2023 & January 2024 Sessions)**



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**Dear Learner,**

You will have to do one assignment for each course with five questions. 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 2023 Session is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024** and for January 2024 Session is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) Speed post the assignments to:  
**Prof. P.V.K.Sasidhar**  
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Keep a scan copy of assignments with you 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 600 to 800 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. How can we apply animal behaviour knowledge to improve animal welfare and human-animal relationships? Discuss with suitable examples.
2. How can culture, economy and political systems within countries influence animal welfare? Illustrate with suitable examples.
3. Explain the main frameworks currently used to determine animal welfare requirements.
4. Discuss the concept, purpose and indicators of animal welfare assessment with examples.
5. Why is understanding ethics important in dealing with animal welfare? Discuss the consequential ethical approach and its application to animal welfare.

**ASSIGNMENT - 2**

**Course Code: MAW -002**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Differentiate between disbudding, dehorning and horn tipping. Write the arguments supporting and against these practices from welfare perspective.
2. Identify specific animal welfare issues in pig farming. Explain any four issues with welfare concerns and alternatives to improve welfare of pigs.
3. Differentiate between natural and forced moulting. Explain the economic reasons and welfare concerns in forced moulting in commercial hens.
4. Differentiate between *Jallikattu* and *Kambala*. Write the welfare concerns in bullfights.
5. Why good welfare of lab animals is so important? Discuss the major welfare issues in lab animals.

**ASSIGNMENT - 3**

**Course Code: MAW-003**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Differentiate between cognizable and non-cognizable offences. Discuss different offences against animals and relevant sections of IPC.
2. Explain the meaning, hierarchical levels and the need for biodiversity conservation from animal welfare perspective with examples.
3. Discuss the salient features of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.
4. Describe the protocols and guidelines for the use of animals in research and testing.
5. Discuss the animal welfare concerns and salient features of the animal birth control (dogs) rules.

**ASSIGNMENT - 4**

**Course Code: MAW-004**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Do you think emergency slaughter of animals is justified? Discuss the methods of emergency slaughter of animals.
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of slated and solid floors in farrowing pen along with the welfare implications in housing of pigs.
3. Describe the minimum standards of care for major working and performing animals like bullocks, equines, camels and elephants.
4. Define environmental enrichment. Discuss environmental enrichment alternatives with examples.
5. Explain the methodology followed to select and rank the countries in Animal Protection Index.