

**MAGD**

**MASTER OF ARTS  
(GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT  
STUDIES)**

**ASSIGNMENTS 2024-25**

**First Year Courses**

**(For the students who took admission in January 2024 or prior)**

**SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT  
STUDIES  
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
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**Master of Arts**  
**(Gender and Development Studies)**  
**(TMA)**  
**(2024-25)**

Dear Learners,

As explained in the programme guide for MAGD, assignments carry 30 per cent weightage in a course and it is mandatory that you have to secure at least 40 per cent marks in assignments to complete a course successfully. Note that you have to submit the assignments before appearing in the Term End Examination of a course.

Before attempting the assignments, please read the instructions provided in the programme guide. In each course, there is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA). You have to do the assignment for those courses for which you have registered. Do remember that you have to prepare and submit the assignments separately for each course. Make sure that you submit the assignments well in time for those courses in which you plan to appear in the Term End Examination.

You must write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word limit set for a particular section.

As mentioned in the instructions, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination to the respective regional centre or **Coordinator of your study centre**. This assignment is valid for two admission cycles (**July 2024 and January 2025**).

**The assignments should be submitted to the respective regional centre or Coordinator of your Study Centre:**

1. **By 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, for the students willing to appear in December 2024 Term End examinations.
2. **By 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, for the students willing to appear in the June 2025 Term End Examination.

You must obtain an email response from the respective regional centre or a receipt from the respective Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy of the assignments with you.

The respective regional centre or Study Centre may return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi to upload.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, and go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:

- a) Is logical and coherent;
  - b) Has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
  - c) Is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

**M.A (Gender and Development Studies)**

**First Year Courses**

**MGS-001: Gender and Development: Concepts, Approaches and Strategies**

**MGS-002: Gender, Development Goals and Praxis**

**MGS-003: Gender Analysis**

**MGS-004: Gender-Sensitive Planning and Policy Making**

**MGS-005: Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies**

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**MGS -001: GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT: CONCEPTS, APPROACHES  
AND STRATEGIES**

**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA -01)**

Programme Code: MAGD

Course Code: MGS-001

Assignment Code: MGS-001/AST-01/TMA/2024-25

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**PART- A**

Answer the following in 200 words each.

1. Define and discuss the concept of Integrated Development from a gender perspective. (10 marks)
2. How would you describe the Sustainable Development Goals in terms of addressing concerns of gender inequality? (10 marks)
3. Define 'Development'. Discuss the emergence of development and modernization theories. (10 marks)
4. How Ester Boserup's thesis has contributed to highlighting women's contribution to economic development? Explain (10 marks)

**PART- B**

Answer **any two** of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

1. Write an essay on the emergence of a framework or theory of gender and development to address gender concerns in the development process. ( 30 marks)
2. What is unpaid labour? Discuss gender segregation in unpaid work. (30 marks)
3. What is gender Mainstreaming? Discuss various case studies related to gender mainstreaming in the Indian context. (30 marks)

**MGS -002: GENDER, DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND PRAXIS**

**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA -01)**

Programme Code: MAGD

Course Code: MGS-002

Assignment Code: MGS-002/AST-01/TMA/2024-25

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**PART- A**

Answer the following in 200 words each.

1. Explain the United Nations' contribution towards women's empowerment. (10 Marks)
2. What are the barriers to women's education? Explain (10 Marks)
3. What Self-help Groups? Explain (10 Marks)
4. How do liberal and Marxist perspectives attempt to promote women's interest in the process of development perspectives? (10 marks)

**PART-B**

Answer **any two** of the questions given below in 1000 words each. Each question carries 30 marks.

1. Write a detailed account on CEDAW. (30 marks)
2. What are the challenges that exist on the path of gender equity and equality in the contemporary world? Explain (30 marks)
3. Discuss the democratic divide between rural and urban India by using gender-segregated data. (30 marks)

**MGS- 003: GENDER ANALYSIS**

**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA -01)**

Programme Code: MAGD

Course Code: MGS-003

Assignment Code: MGS-003/AST -01/TMA/2024-25

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**PART- A**

Answer the following in 200 words each.

1. What is Gender Analysis? Explain the process of Gender Analysis. ( 10 marks)
2. Explain dimensions of gender analysis in a few development sectors such as agriculture and Science. (10 marks)
3. How do we Identify gender Issues through gender analysis in a community? Explain. (10 marks)
4. What are the three significant cornerstones of gender analysis methods? Explain each one of them in detail. (10 marks)

**PART-B**

Answer **any two** of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. What is participatory Appraisal? Why do we need participatory Appraisal in Gender Analysis? Explain with suitable examples. (30 marks)
6. What are the socio-economic factors defining gender? How do we identify socioeconomic factors through gender analysis? Explain any three factors in detail. (30 marks)
7. Explain all three approaches to project implementation? A. Charity approach; B. Welfare approach; C. Human Rights Approach. (30 marks)

**MGS -004: GENDER-SENSITIVE PLANNING AND POLICY MAKING**

**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA -01)**

Programme Code: MAGD

Course Code: MGS-004

Assignment Code: MGS-004/AST-01/TMA/2024-25

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**PART- A**

Answer the following in 200 words each.

1. Write short notes on the following: a) Gender Aware Policymaking b) Welfare and development. (10 marks)
2. “Microcredit is a useful strategy for poor women but it can have disadvantages”. Comment on this statement with examples. (10 marks)
3. Explain principles of Cost-benefit Analysis in gender Planning. (10 marks)
4. Explain different phases of gender planning in India in detail. (10 marks)

**PART-B**

Answer **any two** of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

1. Discuss India's Five-Year Plans from gender perspectives. (30 marks)
2. Explain various models of policy formulation and development in detail. (30 marks)
3. Identify five case studies from print or electronic media related to gender-sensitive Planning and Policymaking and explain the lessons learnt from the Case Studies. (30 marks)



**MGS- 005: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT  
STUDIES**

**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA -01)**

Programme Code: MAGD

Course Code: MGS-005

Assignment Code: MGS-005/AST-01/TMA/2024-25

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**PART- A**

Answer the following in 200 words each:

1. Define Research. What are the elements of the comparative research? Explain. (10 Marks)
2. What do you mean by theory? What are the constituents of theory? Why do we need theory in social science research? (10 marks)
3. Write notes on Post- Modernism. (10 marks)
4. Explain the features of the feminist method. (10 marks)

**PART-B**

Answer **any two** of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

1. Discuss the historical background of the emergence of the participatory approach. (30 Marks)
2. Explain the following research methods in detail a) Evolutionary Method; b) Comparative Method. (30 marks)
3. Define Sampling. Discuss the various types of Probability sampling methods. (30 marks)
4. Choose a topic relevant to Gender and Development and prepare a research design using the steps mentioned in Unit 14 of this Course. (30 marks)