

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

**Assignments  
(July 2020 & January 2021 Sessions)**



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## Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks. 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:
  - Enrollment No.:
  - Course Title:
  - Course Code:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain or ruled paper for your responses, write on both sides with margin and tie 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 accepted.
- 5) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2020 Session is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and for January 2021 Session is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 6) Please speed post the assignments to: Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, Programme Coordinator (PGDAW), School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS), Block 15-F, IGNOU, Maidangarhi, New Delhi -110068.

## 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 - 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 down 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. Differentiate between animal welfare and animal sentience. Discuss why should we be concerned about animal welfare?
2. Describe the global variations in animal welfare between continents and countries.
3. Explain briefly the main frameworks currently used to determine animal welfare requirements.
4. What do you understand by the term 'animal welfare assessment'? Describe the resource based animal welfare assessment measures with advantages and limitations.
5. What is deontology ethical theory? How is the deontological ethical view different from consequentialism?

## ASSIGNMENT - 2

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

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

1. List out the specific animal welfare issues in dairy animals and calves. Discuss the supporting and against arguments in disbudding, dehorning and horn tipping in dairy animals.
2. Name the common identification methods used in pig farming. Discuss the welfare implications of different identification methods.
3. What is meant by beak trimming in poultry? Explain the main welfare concerns, alternatives and precautions in beak trimming.
4. Name the commonly encountered welfare issues in performing elephants. Discuss any two of them in detail.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 -200 words each:
  - a. Camel nose pegs vis-a-vis welfare issues
  - b. The 3Rs concept in lab animal welfare
  - c. Devocalization / debarking in pet dogs and cats
  - d. Humane slaughter

**ASSIGNMENT - 3**

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

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

1. Discuss the salient features of Wild Life (Protection) Act.
2. Differentiate between *ex-situ* and *in-situ* conservation of biodiversity. Write their advantages and disadvantages.
3. What is meant by CPCSEA and IAEC? Explain the roles and functions of CPCSEA and IAEC.
4. Define the term slaughter house. Write the prominent features of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules.
5. What do you understand by pet animal and pet shop? Discuss the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules.

**ASSIGNMENT - 4**

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

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

1. What is meant by *Gaushala*? Discuss the important recommendations of 'National Commission on Cattle' to solve the stray cattle problem.
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of slated and solid floors in farrowing pens of pigs along with the welfare implications.
3. Explain the minimum standards for registration and stockmanship of layer farms along with good management practices.
4. Why alternatives to use of animals in teaching are important in view of animal welfare? Discuss any three alternative models in teaching.
5. Discuss the overall and indicator wise ranking of India on animal protection as per Animal Protection Index (API).