

**MA in Women's and Gender Studies  
(MAWGS)**

**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(January 2020-21 Academic Year)**  
**Second Semester**  
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# School of Gender and Development Studies

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### MA IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

ASSIGNMENT for MWG 004  
(2020-21)

Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG 004/AST/TMA-2020	25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020

As explained in your Programme Guide, you need to complete one assignment for each course of 8 credits. Last date of submission for all assignments is mentioned above. **Please contact your Regional Center regarding any further updates regarding assignment submission.** With proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period.

**PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS AND STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM PROVIDED IN THE PROGRAMME GUIDE.**

**Course Code : MWG 004**  
**Course Title : Gendered Bodies and Sexualities**  
**Assignment No. : MWG 004/AST/TMA-2020**  
**Maximum Marks : 100**

***Note: The assignment has two sections. All the sections are compulsory. Assignments with plagiarized material will not be accepted for evaluation.***

**(Part I: Total marks 80, 40 marks each answer)**

**Part I: Attempt any two of the following questions from part I. Minimum 1000 words for writing one answer.**

Q.1. Critically discuss the notion of “maternal body” in the changing realities of the labour market in contemporary India. Refer to the course material MWG 004 along with other academic papers, reports and case studies to substantiate your answer.

Q.2. Write an essay on the consequences of the use of reproductive technology on women’s body. Use the concept of body in bio-medicine to discuss the answer.

Q.3. Why there is an increasing violence against women in India? Use the concept of “sexual objectification” to discuss the notion of violence.

**(Part II: 10 X 2= 20 marks)**

**Q.2. Briefly discuss any two of the following. Minimum 300 words for each response.**

- a. Masculinity and disability
- b. Androgyny
- c. Race and Gender