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(PGDWGS/MAWGS)

ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT for MWG 004

(2016-17)

Assignment No.	**Submission of Assignments by the Students**
MWG 004/AST/TMA-2016	25th March, 2017

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.

Kindly note that examination forms for December 2016 Term End Examinations will only be accepted if you have submitted the assignments by the given deadline at your Regional Center/Study Center.

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-2016
Maximum Marks : 100

Note: The assignment has two sections. All the sections are compulsory. Please write your answers in your own words. Assignments with plagiarized material will not be accepted. Please read statement on Plagiarism in the Programme Guide.

(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 Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill 2016 in the context of gendered bodies. Use the course material MWG 004, news paper articles and research papers to substantiate your answer.

Q.2. Write an essay on feminism and motherhood in India. Use case studies from diverse contexts like disability, gender identities, culture, race and laboring body to analyse the interconnection between feminism and motherhood.

Q.3. Why there is an increasing violence against women in India? Use any gender concepts from the course material MWG 004 to discuss the issue of violence against women in the context of contemporary India.

(Part II: 10 X 2= 20 marks)

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

a. Masculinities

b. Androgyny

c. Embodiment