

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

ASSIGNMENT
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ASSIGNMENT for MWG 009
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Women's Studies Specialization

Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG 009/AST/TMA-2016	25th th Sep, 2016

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 009
Course Title : Women and Social Structure
Assignment No. : MWG 009/AST/TMA-2016
Maximum Marks : 100

Note: The assignment has two sections (Part I and Part II). 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 80 marks for the entry of approximately 400 words for each unit from the two blocks)

The first part of the assignment asks you to create a ***dated journal*** of your own where you are required to prepare a descriptive response sheet in which you can comprehensively record your responses/understanding of the course material in your own words. A journal entry is a self-reflective method that shows the reader's thoughts/understandings/reactions/comments/analysis upon reading any body of literature and academic work. In case you are not sure how to begin, here is a link to a sample journal entry which will give you some ideas:

<http://www.autotelic.info/blog/2015/2/12/oils-481001-assignment-journal-entry-intersection-of-culture-gender-and-technology>. You are free to create your own framework to make a dated journal.

Q.1. To make a dated journal, please read **Block I and IV (Block I: Social Structure and Processes and Block IV: Caste)** from the course book MWG 009: Women and Social Structure. Block I of MWG 009 contains **three units** explaining the meaning of social structure and its implications in women's lives. Block IV contains **three units** which describe caste as a social institution and how caste and gender intersect with each other as social institutions and relate to concepts like brahminical patriarchy, dalit standpoint theory and violence against women. Write a dated entry (response sheet) of 400 words (approximately) for each unit.

Read through each of the units carefully and reflect upon the linkages of these concepts/central issues/questions in relation to everyday life experiences and situations in Indian context. You can also use case studies, news paper clippings, articles or reports while preparing the answer (creating the dated journal). The journal entry is meant as a way for you to respond or analyze critically to some of the key issues which interests you while reading the Self-Learning material (SLM).

(Part II: 10 X 2= 20 marks)

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

- a. Feminism and Class
- b. Personal Law
- c. Difference between family and household