

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

ASSIGNMENT
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MA DEGREE IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

ASSIGNMENTS for MWG 005 & 009 (2017-18 Academic Year)

Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG-005/AST/TMA-2017	25 th Sep, 2017
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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 2017 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 005
Course Title : Research Methods
Assignment No. : MWG 005/AST/TMA-2017

Note : The assignment requires you to attempt all the three questions. The recommended length for each answer is 1000 -1500 words.

Maximum Marks: 100

Statement Regarding Plagiarism:

Please write all answers in your own words. *Assignments with plagiarized material (copied directly from course books or any other external sources) will not be accepted.* Please read statement on Plagiarism provided in the Programme Guide.

Q No.1. What are the differences between inductive and deductive methods of research? Discuss the importance of these two methods for research in Women's and Gender Studies? Explain with the help of suitable examples. (Marks 25)

Q. No. 2. (a) What is a research design?

b) Discuss various research designs used to formulate research in Women's and Gender Studies.

(Marks 25)

Q.No. 3. Discuss representation of women on the front cover page of at least two magazines. How does it reflect upon the nature of magazine and do such representation support or destroy women's identity, gender stereotypes, roles and expectations. (Marks 50)

Course Code : MWG 009
Course Title : Women and Social Structure
Assignment No. : MWG 009/AST/TMA-2017
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 for each answer)

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

Q.1. Critically analyze debates around the implication of personal laws for women in India. Take any one context (for e.g. Hindu Code Bill/Uniform Civil Code/Triple Talaq) to discuss the relevance of personal law in contemporary India. Use news paper articles and/or research papers to substantiate your answer.

Q.2. Write an essay on feminism and social change in India. Use case studies from diverse contexts such as: culture, caste, tribe, family and marriage to analyse the interconnections between feminism and social change.

Q.3. Development can be both empowering and disempowering experience for women in India? Discuss with suitable case studies and macro-data indicators.

(Part II: 10 X 2= 20 marks)

Q.2. Briefly discuss any two of the following. Word limit is 300 words for each .

- a. Household and Patriarchy
- b. Reproduction and its politics
- c. Gender and Religion