

**PG Diploma/ MA Degree in Women's and Gender Studies  
(PGDWGS/MAWGS)**

**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(July 2018-19 Academic Year)**  
**Second Semester**  
**(January 2019)**



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**ASSIGNMENT for MWG 004**  
**(2018-19)**

<b>Assignment No.</b>	<b>Submission of Assignments by the Students</b>
MWG 004/AST/TMA-2019	25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019

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-2019**

**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 significance of myth and religion in the context of understanding gender relations in contemporary India. Use Self-learning material MWG 004, news paper articles and case notes to discuss your answer.

Q.2. "Surrogacy is a matter of choice or a form of care work for surrogate women". Discuss the statement by taking any one of the positions which you think can appropriately describe the implication of surrogacy on women of India.

Q.3. What do you understand by the term embodiment? How does it help us to understand and elaborate the concept of gendered bodies? Discuss with the help of suitable case studies from any of the areas including labour, disability, science & technology, sexuality, performance, race and ethnicity.

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

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

- a. Reproductive Health
- b. Feminisation and Informalisation of Labour
- c. Gender and Race