

**BSOC- 132**

**BACHELOR'S OF ARTS PROGRAMME**

**(B.A.G)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**July 2021 and January 2022**

**COURSE CODE: BSOC-132**

**SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**

**MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BSOC-132 Sociology of India** which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Assignment Two has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or clear understanding of the concepts and processes.

Assignment Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

**Submission of the completed assignments:**

Admission batch	Last date of submission	Place of submission
July 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Coordinator of the student's study centre
January 2022	31st October 2022	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.  
Make sure that your answer:
  - a) is logical and coherent;
  - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
  - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

**Wish you all the best!**

**Discipline of Sociology  
SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi**

**SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA**  
**Tutor Marked Assignments**

**Course Code: BSOC –132**  
**Assignment Code: Asst /TMA /2021-22**  
**Total Marks: 100**

**Assignment One**

**Answer the following Descriptive Category questions in about 500 words each. Each question carries 20 marks.**

2 x20=40

1. Describe how society in India is a unity in diversity with suitable illustrations.  
OR  
Discuss the nature and types of diversities found in India.
2. In what ways did society in India change in terms of its economy and society after 1990's?  
OR  
What is the meaning of forest and its produce in the lives of the tribal in Madhya Pradesh?  
Discuss the loss of their livelihood with examples.

**Assignment Two**

**Answer the following Short Category questions in about 250 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

3 X 10 = 30

3. Define the concept of class. Discuss the structure of class in urban India.  
OR  
How far does the concept of caste determines the village social structure? Discuss.
4. What is a family? How many types of family are found in India? Discuss.  
OR  
Discuss the role played by kinship in India with specific focus on the village.
5. Describe the relationship between religion and society mentioned by Marx and Weber.  
OR  
Distinguish between race and ethnicity and discuss their major characteristics.

**Assignment Three**

**Answer the following Short Category questions in about 100 words each. Each question carries 6 marks.**

5 X 6 = 30

6. What is a tribe?
7. How many languages are there in India.
8. What is secularism? Give an example.
9. Define the concept of caste.
10. What is social change?