

BANC 131

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT
July 2020 and January 2021 Sessions

BANC 131: ANTHROPOLOGY AND RESEARCH METHODS



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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation in 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 **BANC 131 Anthropology and Research Methods**, 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 I 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 understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment II 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 clearly understand concepts and processes.

Assignment III has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and 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
For the students enrolled in July 2020	30th April 2021	Coordinator of the student's study center
For the students enrolled in January 2021	31st October 2021	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a photocopy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will 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 emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

**Course Code: BANC 131
Assignment Code: BANC 131/ASST/TMA/2020-2021
Total Marks: 100**

There are three Assignments. All questions are compulsory.

Assignment – I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

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| 1. Define Anthropology and its significance. | 20 |
| 2. Describe fieldwork in Anthropology. | 20 |

Assignment – II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

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| 3. Discuss the branches of Biological Anthropology | 10 |
| 4. Explain Archaeology as Anthropology | 10 |
| 5. Write note on research design. | 10 |

Assignment – III

Answer the following questions in about 125 words each.

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| 6. Write short note on holistic approach. | 5 |
| 7. What is Anthropometry? | 5 |
| 8. Cultural relativism. | 5 |
| 9. Current fields of Archaeology. | 5 |
| 10. Note on analytical phase of Social Anthropology in India. | 5 |
| 11. Case study method. | 5 |