

**BGDG-172**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**For the students enrolled in  
July 2020 and January 2021 sessions  
BGDG-172**

**GENDER SENSITIZATION: SOCIETY AND CULTURE**

**SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
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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 sections of Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for a six-credit course BGDG 172: Gender Sensitization: Society and Culture. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the Generic Elective (GE) BGDG 172- Gender Sensitization: Society and Culture which is a six-credit course. The booklet therefore has three sections of TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

**Section A** 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.

**Section B** 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.

**Section C** 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:**

| <b>Admission batch</b>                              | <b>Last date of submission</b> | <b>Place of submission</b>                |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| For the students enrolled in July 2020              | 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021   | Coordinator of the student's study center |
| For the students enrolled in January 2021 Sessions. | 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2021 |   |

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photo 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.

- 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.

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:

**Wish you all the best!**

**School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS), IGNOU, New Delhi**

## **BGDG -172: Gender Sensitization: Society and Culture**

### **Tutor Marked Assignments**

**Course Code: BGDG 172**  
**Assignment Code: ASST /TMA / 2020-21**  
**Total Marks: 100**

#### **Section A**

**Answer the following in about 500 words each.**

1. Critically evaluate the concepts of masculinity by giving suitable examples. (20 marks)
2. Discuss the gender gap in labour force participation and gender discrimination at workplace.in detail with an example. (20 marks)

#### **Section B**

**Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.**

3. Explain the category of motherhood in urban-rural and class divisions in Indian context. (10 marks)
4. Discuss the feminist theories in marriage. (10 marks)
5. Describe the relationship between gender and language. (10 marks)

#### **Section C**

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.**

6. Write your understanding on gender and disability? (6 marks)
7. Describe any case studies on sexual harassment at workplace which you have read most recently. (6 marks)
8. Define the public and private spheres from gendered perspectives. (6 marks)
9. Write in your own words about social construction of gender. (6 marks )
10. Discuss indicators of reproductive health. (6 marks)