Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP)

Assignment for student admitted in July 2014 and January 2015 session

Elective Course in Sociology (ESO-16) (Social Problems in India)

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ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for an eight-credit elective course in Sociology. This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA).

It is important that you write answer to all TMA questions in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, the constant practice while writing answers to assignment questions help you to write better answers to questions in term-end examination.

The TMA is designed to enable you to write answers to different categories of questions. The Assignment is divided into three sections. Section 1 comprises 2 descriptive questions of 20 marks each. Descriptive Category Questions are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. Here, the evaluators have been asked to judge your ability to describe that you know about the topic and a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section 2 comprises 4 questions that of 12 marks each. Here you are requested to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise as well as precise manner. Here. The evaluator has been asked to judge your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or, present clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Section 3 comprises 2 questions of 6 marks each. These are meant to enhance your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, exact definition to terms, or, clear understanding of concepts and processes.

The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you as per the schedule given below:

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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 SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.
Answer all the questions

Section - I

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each

1) Examine the interrelationship between social problems and social movements. 20
2) What is ethnicity? Discuss the various dimensions of the problems of ethnicity in India. 20

Section - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each

3) Describe the various features of industrial labour in India. 12
4) Discuss the causes of violence and terrorism in contemporary times. 12
5) Examine the barriers to the effective family planning programmes in India. 12
6) How does construction of dams affect poor people? Answer with suitable illustration. 12

Section - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each

7) Define the concept of ‘social transformation’. 6
8) Define the meaning of ‘soft state’. 6