

Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)

Assignments (July 2025 & January 2026 Sessions)



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment with five questions for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks with 30% weightage in the final assessment. Irrespective of the year and session of the registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

Instructions

- 1) Please write the following details on the first page of each assignment:
 - Name & Full Address:
 - Enrolment No.:
 - Admission Session:
 - Course Code:
 - Course Title:
 - Regional Centre:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain / ruled paper for your responses. Write on both the sides with margin and tie / staple all the pages carefully - course wise.
- 3) Write the question number with each answer.
- 4) You should write in your **own handwriting** and **only handwritten assignments are evaluated**.
- 5) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2025 Session is **31st March 2026** and for January 2026 Session is **30th September 2026** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) Speed post the assignments to:

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Keep a scan copy of assignments with you until the marks are reflected in your grade card.

Guidelines

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material / web references on which they are based. Make points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.
- 3) **Make sure that your answer:**
 - a) is around 800 words for each question.
 - b) is logical, coherent and has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 4) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.
- 5) **Please contact the Programme Coordinator for any academic help / clarification:**

(Prof. P.V.K.Sasidhar, e-mail: pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in)

ASSIGNMENT - 1
Animal Welfare Science and Ethics

Course Code: MAW-001

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks:

1. Differentiate between the optimal, minimum and absolute animal welfare standards. How can we apply animal behaviour knowledge to improve animal welfare and human-animal relationships?
2. What are the comprehensive frameworks of animal welfare? Describe the Five Freedoms along with requirements and outcomes.
3. What are the specific reasons for animal welfare assessment / audit? Discuss the various steps in implementing animal welfare assessment with suitable examples.
4. How to improve animal welfare through social conditions, human contact and genetic selection? Illustrate with suitable examples.
5. Explain the difference between consequential and deontological ethical views. Describe how different ethical views might influence decisions to use animals in experiments.