

Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)

Assignments (July 2026 & January 2027 Sessions)



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Dear Learner,

Each course requires one five-question assignment. These assignments are worth 100 marks each and account for 30% of your final grade. Regardless of your registration year or session, you must submit the most recent assignments available 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 2026 Session is **31st March 2027** and for January 2027 Session is **30th September 2027** (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 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. Discuss ethical, economic, and ecological arguments for animal welfare using intensive farming and companion animal case studies.
2. Trace the historical origin of the Five Freedoms Framework from the Brambell Report to its modern evolution into the Five Domains Model. Highlight how this shift changed our understanding of positive welfare states.
3. Compare the reliability, objectivity, and limitations of resource, management, and animal-based welfare indicators in farm audits.
4. Analyze the physiological and behavioural impacts of an abnormal social environment (such as early maternal separation or overcrowding) on animals. Propose evidence-based management strategies and environmental enrichment techniques to mitigate these negative effects.
5. Examine the veterinarian's role as a welfare advocate and how they balance animal ethics with economic pressures in production settings.