

BGS-011

**BA in Gender Studies
(BAGS)**

ASSIGNMENT

**Academic Year, 2025 and 2026
BGS-011**

UNDERSTANDING GENDER AND LAW

SOGDS

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**



Dear Learner,

In this programme the evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, course assignments carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

Section A has Descriptive Category Questions (MCQs). 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 systematically, to the point, and coherently.

Section B has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you first to analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers concisely. 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 (MCQs). 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. You must 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.

Note: It is requested to attempt the latest assignment/s uploaded in the website.

Submission of the completed assignments:

Admission batch	Last date of submission	Place of submission
For the students enrolled in July 2026	30 th April 2026	Coordinator of the Student's study centre
For the students enrolled in January 2026 Sessions.	31 st October, 2026	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy 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) **Organization:** 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:

We wish you all the best! Happy Learning!

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Course Code: BGS-011

Assignment Code: ASST /TMA / 2025-2026

Total Marks: 100

Section A

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the various debates on gender, citizenship and law in the contemporary India. (20 marks)
2. Evaluate the various laws related to 'Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016'. (20 marks)

Section B

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. Discuss the relevance of 'Natural Law School' in the context of law. (10 marks)
4. Evaluate the contribution of Criminal Laws (IPC) in India. (10 marks)
5. Discuss the emergence of Critical Legal Studies (CLS). (10 marks)

Section C

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

6. Write a note on issues of LGBTIQ+ people in India. (6 marks)
7. Write a note on heteronormativity. (6 marks)
8. Write a note on the concept of sexuality. (6 marks)
9. Write a note on sex and gender. (6 marks)
10. Write a note on patriarchy. (6 marks)