

BGDG-172

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASSIGNMENT

**For the students enrolled in
July 2025 and January 2026 sessions
BGDG-172**

GENDER SENSITIZATION: SOCIETY AND CULTURE

SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Dear Learner,

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, course assignments 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, a six-credit course. Therefore, the booklet has three sections of TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

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 provided in the Programme Guide. 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.

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.

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 2025	30 th April 2026	Coordinator of the
For the students enrolled in January 2026 Sessions.	31 st October, 2026	Student's study centre

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) **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:

We wish you all the best! Happy Learning!

**School of Gender and Development
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BGDG -172: Gender Sensitization: Society and Culture

Tutor Marked Assignments

Course Code: BGDG 172
Assignment Code: ASST /TMA / 2025-26
Total Marks: 100

Section A

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Define masculinity and femininity. How it shapes gender roles in India? Discuss with suitable examples. (20 marks)
2. Do you agree that labour force participation, economy and gender are interlinked? Discuss by providing suitable examples. (20 marks)

Section B

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. Critically evaluate the role of the patriarchy in Indian society. (10 marks)
4. Examine the liberal and radical feminist contribution to the feminist theory. (10 marks)
5. Evaluate the debate on reproductive rights of Indian women. (10 marks)

Section C

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

6. Write a note on sex and gender. (6 marks)
7. What is socialist feminism. (6 marks)
8. Write a note on gender and media. (6 marks)
9. Define productive work. (6 marks)
10. Write a note on Marxist feminism. (6 marks)