

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN
GENDER, AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT (CGAS)**

ASSIGNMENTS 1 TO 3

Assignments for Students admitted in July 2025 and January 2026 sessions

**Introduction to Gender, Agriculture and
Sustainable Development (MGS041)**

Assignment 1

**Gender Dynamics in Agriculture
(MGS042)**

Assignment 2

**Gender and Sustainable Development
(MGS043)**

Assignment 3

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Programme Code: CGAS

Dear Student,

We hope you are finding the course study interesting. Read through the following instructions to enable you to do your assignments systematically.

Instructions

Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) Read the detailed instructions about assignments given to you.
- 2) Write your roll number, name, complete address and date on the top right corner of the first of your response sheet(s).
- 3) Write the course title, assignment number and the name of the study centre you are attached to in the Centre on the first page of your response sheet(s).

The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this.

COURSE TITLE.....	ENROLLMENT NO.
ASSIGNMENT NO.....	NAME
STUDY CENTRE.....	ADDRESS.....

	DATE.....

- 4) Use only foolscap size paper for your responses and tie all the passages carefully.
- 5) Write the question number with each answer.
- 6) It would be best if you wrote in your handwriting.

- 7) Submission: The completed handwritten Assignment should be submitted to the respective Regional Centre. If any learner finds difficulty in submitting assignments to the respective regional Centre, please write to the Programme Coordinator for clarifications: the email id of the Programme Coordinator is guma@ignou.ac.in
- 8) Study Centre Code is SOGDS, IGNOU

A Note of Caution

Some students are sending answers to Check Your Progress Exercises to the University for evaluation. Please do not send them to us. These exercises are given to help judge your progress. For this purpose, we have provided the answers to these exercises at each Unit's end.

Before submitting your assignment responses, please make sure you have taken care of the following points:

- Your enrollment number, name, and address have been written correctly.
- The title of the Course and assignment number have been written clearly.
- Each Assignment on each Course has been written on separate sheets and appropriately pinned.
- All the questions in the assignments have been answered.

Now, read the guidelines before answering questions.

POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

You will find it helpful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Please go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer a brief interpretation of the question and how you propose developing it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.

Make sure your answer:

- a) is logical and coherent
- b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs

c) is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation

3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, write each answer neatly, and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

**INTRODUCTION TO GENDER, AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT(MGS041)
ASSIGNMENT
1(TMA-1)**

**Course Code: MGS041
Assignment Code: MGS-041/AST -01/TMA-1/2025-26**

**Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%**

All questions have to be attempted.

1. Explain patriarchy briefly (10)
2. Is gender Socially constructed? Substantiate your answer with examples drawn from societal experiences, specifically from the agriculture sector. (10)
3. Explain Theories of Development and their feminist critiques. (10)
4. Explain Boserup's thesis and its relevance to the contemporary agriculture sector. (10)
5. Gender plays a significant role in agriculture"- Substantiate your answers with relevant examples from the Indian agriculture sector. (10)
6. Explain the Livestock production system in detail. (10)
7. Write short notes on: (10)
 - a) Mariculture
 - b) Backyard ornamental fish culture
 - c) Freshwater pearl culture
 - d) Culture Fisheries
8. Explain the advantages and limitations of rainwater harvesting (10)
9. Discuss the National Action Plan on Climate Change (10)
10. What makes technologies "Green"? Explain its adoption, diffusion and rebound effects.