

**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.

**GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(MGS043)**

Course Code: MGS043

Assignment Code: MGS-043/AST -01/TMA-1/2025-2026

Maximum Marks: 100

Weightage: 30%

All questions have to be attempted. Questions 1 to 5 carry ten marks each. Question 6 carries 50 marks and requires you to practically apply the principles you have learned from your study of the training Units in the Course.

1. Discuss Nature- Culture debates with suitable examples. (10)
2. Explain the impact of Gender inequities in the water sector. (10)
3. What is Indigenous Knowledge (IK)? Explain the role of women in biodiversity conservation and management .(10)
4. Explain the linkage between livestock and global warming. (10)
5. “Forest as a carbon sink” – Comment. (10)
6. "Farm women face higher risks and burdens from the impacts of climate change". Justify your answer by providing the required data and case studies from the MGS043, specifically Units 7, 8, 9, 10A and Unit 10B. (50)