

**MA in Women's and Gender Studies  
(MAWGSR)**

**ASSIGNMENT  
(July 2025-26 June Academic Year)**



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Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG-005/AST/TMA-2025-26	For July admission cycle: <b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025</b> For January admission cycle: <b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>

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  - Plagiarized assignments will not be evaluated.
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Course Code: **MWG 005**  
Course Title: **Research Methods**  
Assignment No: **MWG 005/AST/TMA-2025-26**  
Maximum Marks: **100**

Attempt any 10 of the following questions. Word limit for writing each answer will be minimum 500 and maximum 750 words. 10 marks for each answer.

1. What is understood by gender-based analysis in research? Give an example by citing an article or research paper which you have read recently.
2. Identify the ethical practices which needed to be adopted while conducting research in gender studies.
3. “Science should be built from the bottom- up approach”. What does it imply with regards to modes of acquiring knowledge in modern science? Explain.
4. Distinguish between “data reduction” and “data display” in the qualitative methods of data analysis.
5. Prepare a blue print of research on any chosen/selected themes in the area of women’s and gender studies.
6. Explain how the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) reflects on different development indicators related to gender research. Take the recent NFHS data and make a table which can depict the status of women in any state or in the country.
7. Explain the concept semiotic turn in research.
8. Read Kate Millet’s Sexual Politics (1970) and explain the importance of analysing literature in research.
9. What is the meaning of style manual in research? Select any two style manuals and cite how these two style manuals differ while by giving two examples of citation of an article in the reference or bibliography.
10. Explain the steps involve in writing a research report.
11. Explain the approaches/ways by which different disciplines come together to be able to work on a research project.
12. Write about feminist epistemology.

