

**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-009/AST/TMA-2025-26	For July admission cycle: 31st Oct 2025 For January admission cycle: 30th April 2026

As explained in your Programme Guide, you need to complete one assignment for each course of 8 credits. Please check the IGNOU website regarding any assignment submission updates. With proper planning you will be able to complete them within the stipulated period. Submit assignments as per instructions provided by your Regional Centre and/or published on the university website. Include your name, enrollment number, Programme Code, Course Code and email ID on each assignment. Assignments need to be handwritten and each assignment should be submitted as a separate single document. Do not combine two assignments/ do not submit responses for individual questions as separate documents.

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 - Write in your own words and maintain originality in the assignment.

Course Code: MWG 109
Course Title: Women and Social Structure
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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 constitutes Indian social structure? Explain.
2. Explain the concept “Acculturation” by drawing insights from the work by George Ritzer on “McDonaldization of Society”.
3. Write about feminist conceptualization of social transformation.
4. Discuss about new forms of gender-based violence in contemporary India.
5. What is the meaning of gendering caste in India? Explain.
6. Explain standpoint theory in relation to dalit movement in India. Cite any one scholarly work to write the answer.
7. Read about one of the programmes/schemes of the Government of India such as: Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana and so on. Make a journal entry recording “forms of social transformation” the programme or scheme has brought about in elevating women’s condition in India.
8. Differentiate between Practical Gender Needs and Strategic Gender Needs.
9. Identify various forms of displacement experienced by Adivasi and peasant women in India in the process of development.
10. Explain representation of women in social practices. Give examples.
11. Write about women’s role in the forest economy.
12. Choose any one concept from the Self Learning Material (SLM) of MWG 109 and discuss its relevance in the contemporary India.