

ESO-14

**Bachelor Degree Programme
(BDP)**

July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions

**Elective Course in Sociology-14
(Society and Stratification)**



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ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for an eight-credit elective course in Sociology. This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA).

It is important that you write answer to all TMA questions in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, the constant practice while writing answers to assignment questions help you to write better answers to questions in term-end examination.

The TMA is designed to enable you to write answers to different categories of questions. The Assignment is divided into three sections. Section 1 comprises 2 descriptive questions of 20 marks each. Descriptive Category Questions are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. Here, the evaluators have been asked to judge your ability to describe that you know about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section 2 comprises 4 questions that of 12 marks each. Here, you are requested to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise as well as precise manner. The evaluator shall assess your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or, present clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Section 3 comprises 2 questions of 6 marks each. These are meant to enhance your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writings, events, exact definition to terms, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you as per the schedule given below:

No. of Assignment	Date of Submission	To be sent
July 2025 Batch	31 st March, 2026	To The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
January 2026 Batch	30 th September, 2026	

You a must **obtain receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy 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 SED Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: BDP
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Assignment Code: ESO-14/AST/TMA/2025-2026

Answer all the questions.

Marks

Section – I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

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| 1. Discuss Karl Marx's explanation of social stratification. | 20 |
| 2. What are the basic propositions of Davis and Moore's theory of social stratification? Discuss. | 20 |

Section – II

Answer the following in about 250 words each.

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| 3. Discuss how ethnicity serves as a basis of social stratification. | 12 |
| 4. "Jajmani system is disintegrating in contemporary Indian society". Discuss. | 12 |
| 5. Write a brief note on minority groups. | 12 |
| 6. Explain the concept of old middle class and new middle class. | 12 |

Section – III

Answer the following in about 100 words each.

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| 7. Explain the concept of embourgeoisement. | 06 |
| 8. What do you understand by upward mobility? | 06 |