

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

**M.Sc. Programme in Geography  
(MSCGG)  
(1st Semester)**

**Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**



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(2025-26)**

Dear Student,

Please read the section on assignments in the Programme Guide of MSc Geography Programme. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation, **which would consist of one tutor-marked assignment** for this course. The assignment is in this booklet, and it consists of three parts, Part A, B and C. The total marks of all the parts are 100, of which 35% are needed to pass it.

### Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format:

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**COURSE TITLE:** .....  
**ASSIGNMENT NO.:** .....  
**STUDY CENTRE:** .....**DATE:** .....

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**PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.**

- 2) Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 3) Leave 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet.
- 4) Your answers should be precise.
- 5) Complete each of Part A, Part B and Part C of this assignment separately, and **submit them together.**
- 6) The assignment answer sheets are to be submitted to your Study Centre within the due date. **Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted. We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your answer sheets.**
- 7) **This assignment is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The last date for assignment submission is as follows:**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for January 2025 admission cycle and**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 for July 2025 admission cycle**
- 8) **You cannot fill the exam form for this course** till you have submitted this assignment. For any further queries, please contact: satyaraj@ignou.ac.in, vishalwarpa@ignou.ac.in, [knrao@ignou.ac.in](mailto:knrao@ignou.ac.in)

We wish you good luck.

**ASSIGNMENT**  
**Advances in Geographical Thought**

**Course Code: MGG-008**  
**Assignment Code: MGG-008/TMA/2025-26**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

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**Part-A**

**All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.**

1. Give a detailed discussion on the Hartshorne-Schaefer Debate and the rise of Spatial Analysis.
2. Explain the principles of positivism with logical positivism.
3. What are spatial systems? Explain.
4. Discuss the critique of spatial science and rise of humanistic perspectives in geography.

**Part-B**

**All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.**

6. Discuss the contributions of David Harvey and David M. Smith.
7. What is social production of nature? Explain in detail.
8. Write a note on contemporary concerns and critiques under critical geography.

**Part-C**

**8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.**

- a) Routes to scientific explanation
- b) Scientific and Quantitative Geography
- c) Behaviouralism
- d) Humanistic Geography
- e) Structuralism
- f) Radical Geography