

BPCC 109

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) PSYCHOLOGY
/ BACHELOR OF ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY)
(BAPCH/BAFPC)**

CORE COURSE (CC)

**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA) and TUTORIAL
JULY 2026 AND JANUARY 2027 Admission Cycle**

COURSE CODE: BPCC 109

COURSE TITLE: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY



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Dear Learner

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts:

i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a Course will carry 20% weightage, Tutorial will carry 10% weightage, and 70% weightage is given for the term-end examination (total 100 marks).

BPCC 109 is a 6 credits course (4 credits Theory + 2 credits Tutorial). Assignment for BPCC 106 has two parts, Part A & B.

Part A consists of Assignment One and Assignment Two. Assignment One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, and coherent manner.

Assignment Two has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall, in brief, the relevant and precise information about concepts and processes.

Part B has a Tutorial component in which you need to complete activities according to the given instructions and will be submitted separately at the study centre.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. You must write the answers to all the TMA questions in **your own words**. Your answers should be according to the word limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skill and sharpen your understanding of the concepts. It will also help you prepare for the term-end examination.

Submission

Session	Last Date of Submission*	To be Sent
For July 2026	31 st March, 2027	To
For January 2027	30 th September, 2027 (Please check the dates from www.ignou.ac.in)	The Coordinator of the allotted Learner Support Centre

* You need to submit the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Please obtain a receipt from the study centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Also, keep a photocopy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. The completed assignment should be sent only to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you.

Following instructions are to be carefully followed before writing the assignments:

1. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:
 - i. **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then re-arrange these in a logical order.
 - ii. **Organisation:** Read the study material carefully, analyze it, and then prepare a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. Make sure that 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
 - iii. **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly with proper spacing, and underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is around the suggested word limit.
2. Use A4 size ruled paper for your response and tie all the pages carefully. Allow a 4 cm margin on the left and leave some space between each answer. This will facilitate the academic counsellor to write useful comments in the margin at appropriate places.
3. **Answers should be in your handwriting.** Do not print or type the answers. Do not copy your answers from the study material sent to you by the University or from other learners. If you copy the content, you will get zero marks for the respective question.
4. You need to attach a copy of the TMA with the completed assignment before submitting it.
5. In case you have requested for a change of Study Centre, you should submit your Tutor Marked Assignments only to the original Study Centre until the change of Study Centre is notified by the University.
6. If you find that there is any factual error in the evaluation of your assignments, e.g., any portion of assignment response has not been evaluated or the total of the score recorded on assignment response is incorrect, you should approach the coordinator of your study centre for correction and transmission of correct score to headquarters.

Wish you all the best!

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DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (BPCC 109)
Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA)

Course Code: BPCC 109
Assignment Code: ASST /TMA / July 2026-January 2027
Total: 70

NOTE:

- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. Assignment is a maximum of 70 Marks and the Tutorial is of 30 Marks.**
- 3. Assignment and Tutorial have to be submitted separately.**

PART A
Assignment One

2 x 20 = 40

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Describe perceptual development during infancy.
2. Explain Erikson's conceptualization of identity.

Assignment Two

6 x 5 = 30

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. Each question carries 5 marks.

3. Fine motor skills
4. Nativism in language development
5. Bilingualism
6. The 'imprinting experiments'
7. Five principles of Life Course Theory
8. Critical period and sensitive period in development

PART B
Tutorial

2 x 15 = 30

Note: You need to complete the activities according to the given instructions. Please attempt the activities in a coherent and organized manner. The word limit for each activity is around 600 words. Each activity is of 15 marks. For the activities, you need to refer to the self-learning material, and any other relevant offline or online resources. Some useful resources are also listed at the end of each unit.

1. Can you identify influences on your development based on Bronfrenbrenner's five systems? Comment.

2. Categorize social media (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, X) friends in terms of closeness, positive or negative impact, and frequency of contact. Compare social media friends with family members on social media to see how their updates and messages differ from each other.

***Note: Please mention reference details of the articles/books, at the end of your write-up.**