

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BFSW)

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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the Bachelor of Social Work programme of IGNOU. To complete your programme, kindly follow the following tips:

- Read the programme guide before you begin your studies. It will clarify most of your doubts regarding how to go about completing the programme from IGNOU.
- Submit your assignments to the Study Centre on time.
- Be in touch with your Study Centre and Regional Centre.
- Fill up the examination form on time.

Assignments are open-book examinations, and we at IGNOU assign 30 percent weightage to the assignment while calculating the overall grade for each course. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed** before their submission in the study centre. To prepare a good set of assignment responses, you must first of all read the chapter(s) from which a particular question has been framed. Discuss with your peer group, academic counsellors, or professors who teach you. Prepare a draft, do the necessary corrections on it, and then prepare the final version for submission to the Study Centre.

Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, subtitles for the main body, and a conclusion. One line should be left between each paragraph. Make sure your answers are specific and in your own words, and do not copy from books. Your answers will be exclusively based on the IGNOU materials only. Preparation of assignments is preparation for your term-end examination. Therefore, take the assignments seriously.

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RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL WORK

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: - BSW 129

Total Marks – 100

Note:

- (i) Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **500 words** each.
- (ii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. Define social work research and explain its scope as a secondary method of social work. Discuss the major areas of social work research with examples. 20
2. Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative approaches in social work research. Discuss their characteristics, strengths, and limitations with suitable examples. 20
3. Define mixed method research and explain its significance in social work. How does combining qualitative and quantitative approaches enhance the reliability and depth of findings? 20
4. Explain the major steps involved in the social work research process. Discuss the relevance of each step with examples. 20
5. Discuss the importance of sampling in social work research. Explain any two sampling methods, highlighting their advantages and limitations. 20
6. Explain the process of data processing in social work research. Discuss the importance of editing, coding, and measurement in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of research findings. 20
7. Illustrate the application of the measures of central tendency and the measures of dispersion with examples. 20
8. Highlight the importance and the essential components of a research report. 20