

**BACHELOR DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK  
(BSW)**

**Assignment: 2025-2026**

**BSWE-005: Introduction to HIV/AIDS**

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- Fill up the examination form on time.

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Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, sub-titles for 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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# Introduction to HIV/AIDS

## ASSIGNMENT

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Total marks: 100

**Note:** (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **500** words each.

1. Discuss the implications of HIV/AIDS for the family. 20  
OR  
Describe the various stages in the development of HIV infection. 20
2. "Prevention is better than cure". Discuss this statement in the light of HIV in India. 20  
OR  
Discuss the life skills useful for helping professionals. 20
3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Explain the steps involved in pre-test counseling of HIV. 10
  - b) What are the differences between HIV palliative care and traditional care? 10
  - c) Discuss the major contributions made by UN and bilateral agencies in India for the prevention and control of HIV. 10
  - d) Trace the history of HIV/AIDS in India. 10
4. Answer any four of the following questions in about 150 words:
  - a) Explain the difference between mandatory and voluntary testing for HIV. 5
  - b) Explain the right to autonomy of people living with HIV/AIDS. 5
  - c) How does the medical system contribute to the spread of HIV through negligence? 5
  - d) What are the workplace policies on HIV/AIDS in India? 5
  - e) How can mother to child transmission be prevented in case of HIV/AIDS? 5
  - f) List any two constitutional provisions related to PLHAs in India. 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each:
  - a) Bereavement counseling 4
  - b) Opportunistic infections 4
  - c) ELISA Test 4
  - d) Window period 4
  - e) NACO 4
  - f) High Risk Group 4
  - g) STDs and HIV/AIDS 4
  - h) Stigma and Discrimination 4