

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (ONLINE) [MSWOL]**

**(MSWOL First Year)**

**Assignment: 2025-26**

**Course Titles**

MSW-001 : Origin and Development of Social Work

MSW-002 : Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives

MSW-005 : Social Work Practicum and Supervision

MSW-003 : Basic Social Science Concepts

MSW-004 : Social Work and Social Development

MSW-006 : Social Work Research

MSWE-010 : Social Work in African Context

MSW-032 : Social Work and Criminal Justice

<p>Last Date of Uploading the Assignment in the LMS Portal July, 2025 Session – March 31, 2026</p>
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Note: Kindly write the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work (Online) [MSWOL] Programme** at IGNOU. Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to [mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in](mailto:mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in).
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

**Important Notes on Assignments:**

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and **signed** before submission.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write in **your own words** and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod  
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

## Basic Social Science Concepts ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-003

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 **600** words each.

- 1) Define society and discuss its characteristics and types. 20  
Or  
Explain the relevance of social sciences in understanding human behavior. 20
- 2) Explain the concept of social structure. Discuss the roles and institutions that form it. 20  
Or  
What is socialization? Describe its stages and major agencies with examples. 20
- 3) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 300 words each:
  - a) Define social stratification. What are its major forms in India? 10
  - b) Discuss the concept of social change and explain any two factors affecting it. 10
  - c) What is the caste system? How does it impact social mobility in India? 10
  - d) Briefly explain the concept and types of social control. 10
- 4) Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 150 words each:
  - a) Compare capitalist and socialist economic systems. 5
  - b) What is the role of political institutions in maintaining social order? 5
  - c) Define culture and explain its relationship with society. 5
  - d) Distinguish between norms and values. 5
  - e) Explain the significance of religion in social life. 5
  - f) Briefly describe the concept of kinship and its role in social organization. 5
- 5) Write short notes on any **five** of the following questions in about 100 words each:
  - a) Social Norms 4
  - b) Role Conflict 4
  - c) Informal social control 4
  - d) Status and role 4
  - e) Tribal society 4
  - f) Political Socialisation 4
  - g) Law as an instrument of social control 4
  - h) Economy and society 4