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## **MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW First Year)**

**Assignment: 2026-2027**

### **Course Titles**

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| <b>MSW-001</b>  | <b>: Origin and Development of Social Work</b>         |
| <b>MSW-002</b>  | <b>: Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives</b> |
| <b>MSW-005</b>  | <b>: Social Work Practicum and Supervision</b>         |
| <b>MSW-003</b>  | <b>: Basic Social Science Concepts</b>                 |
| <b>MSW-004</b>  | <b>: Social Work and Social Development</b>            |
| <b>MSW-006</b>  | <b>: Social Work Research</b>                          |
| <b>MSWE-010</b> | <b>: Social Work in African Context</b>                |
| <b>MSW-032</b>  | <b>: Social Work and Criminal Justice</b>              |

**Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre**

**July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027**

**January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027**

**Note : Kindly write the assignments for the courses you have opted.**



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the MSW programme of IGNOU. You have purposefully chosen to become a post graduate in Social Work to contribute towards improving the social conditions of people. To successfully complete your MSW program, 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 doing the MSW Program from IGNOU.
- Submit your assignments to the Study Centre on time.
- Be in touch with your Study Centre and Regional Centre
- Meet your Field Work Supervisor (FWS) at the Study Centre for Fieldwork Supervision
- Fill up the examination form on time.

Assignments are open book examination and we at IGNOU assign 30 per cent weightage to the assignment while calculating the overall grade for each course. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed before its submission in the Study Centre.** In order to prepare a good set of assignment responses, you must first of all read the units from which a particular question has been framed. Discuss with your peer-group and academic counselors who teach you. Prepare a draft, do the necessary correction 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, sub-titles, 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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Programme Coordinator

**Social Work Research  
ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MSW-006**

**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 the role of theory in research. Explain the conceptual foundations of scientific research. 20  

Or

Explain the meaning of social work research and explain the scope of research in social work. 20
2. Describe the need for international perspectives of research review in social work research. 20  

Or

Discuss the various tools used in social work research and its uses. 20
3. Answer any two of the following questions in about **300** words each:
  - a) Describe briefly the significant changes in the trend of social work research after 90's at the national level. 10
  - b) Explain with your own examples the three forms of hypothesis. 10
  - c) Discuss the importance of Experimental Research Design in social work. 10
  - d) Explain the purpose of a research design in research project. 10
- 4) Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each:
  - a) Write a short note on importance of quantitative research in policy making. 5
  - b) Describe briefly the meaning of descriptive research studies. 5
  - c) What is Evaluation Research? 5
  - d) Briefly describe the nature and objectives of action research. 5
  - e) Explain the uniqueness of Qualitative Research. 5
  - f) Enlist the characteristics of Case Study Method. 5
- 5) Write short notes on any **five** of the following questions in about **100** words each:
  - a) Participatory Research 4
  - b) Define Sampling 4
  - c) The Characteristics of a Good Questionnaire 4
  - d) List the Types of Rating Scale 4
  - e) Techniques of Interviewing 4
  - f) Types of Observation and the Steps Involved 4
  - g) Methods of Data Collection 4
  - h) Using an Interview Schedule 4