

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK COUNSELLING (MSW(C) Second Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

Course Titles

MSW-012	: Introduction to Life Characteristics and Challenges
MSW-013	: Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling
MSW-014	: Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling
MSW-015	: Basics of Counselling
MSW-016	: Fields of Counselling

Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre
July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027
January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the MSWC (2nd year) programme of IGNOU. You have purposefully chosen to become a post graduate in Social Work Counselling to contribute towards improving the social conditions of people. To successfully complete your MSWC 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 MSWC 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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Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-013

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 psychology. Explain the difference branches of psychology and its application. 20
Or
Describe personality. What do you understand by five factor model of personality? 20
- 2) Discuss the role of a professional social worker in the management of substance abuse. 20
Or
Explain Erickson's theory of psychosocial development. 20
- 3) Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each:
 - a) Mention briefly any two descriptive methods used in psychology. 10
 - b) Discuss the role of social worker in dementia care and management 10
 - c) Define 'psychiatric disorders seen in childhood. Explain with examples. 10
 - d) Discuss the concept and components of group dynamics. 10
- 4) Answer any four of the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - a) Explain Id, Ego and Superego of personality. 5
 - b) Write a note on ABC theory of personality? 5
 - c) What do you understand by Psychodynamic theories? 5
 - d) Enlist the classification of personality disorders. 5
 - e) Explain the causes of mood disorders. 5
 - f) Discuss the concept of therapeutic triad. 5
- 5) Write short notes on any five of the following questions in about 100 words each:
 - a) Autism 4
 - b) Post-Traumatic disorder 4
 - c) Health psychology 4
 - d) Habit Disorders 4
 - e) Positive reinforcement 4
 - f) Structuralism 4
 - g) Stress 4
 - h) Prejudice 4