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MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW First Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

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

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.

(Dr. Dilip Diwakar G)
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Social Work and Criminal Justice
ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-032

Total Marks: 100

Note: Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **300** words each:

1. What do you understand by the terms ‘deviance’ and ‘crime’? How does the distinction between these two helps in understanding the social and legal responses to rule-breaking behaviour in society? 20
2. Discuss the philosophical bases of the elements of crime (actus reus, mens rea, and concurrence) for establishing criminal liability. 20
3. How does the interdependence of the police, prosecution, judiciary, and correctional institutions influence the credibility of the criminal justice administration in India? 20
4. What is the adversarial criminal justice system? Why is the principle of ‘presumption of innocence’ considered central to the adversarial criminal justice system. 20
5. Discuss the importance of the criminal justice processes—investigation, trial, and correction in crime control and protection of individual rights? 20
6. Why is the principle of presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial considered central to the criminal justice process? 20
7. How does the shift from deterrent to reformative and restorative theories of punishment influence the correctional institutions in India? 20
8. Why are prisoners’ rights considered essential for humane prison administration? Discuss in detail. 20