

**BANC-106**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
(HONOURS)  
ANTHROPOLOGY  
(BSCANH)  
ASSIGNMENT**

**July 2026-January 2027**

**COURSE CODE: BANC-106**

**BANC 106: HUMAN ECOLOGY: BIOLOGICAL AND  
CULTURAL DIMENSIONS**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
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Dear Learner,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation in IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BANC 106 Human Ecology: Biological and Cultural Dimensions**, which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

**Assignment I** has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay-type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

**Assignment II** has Middle Category Questions (MCQs) and Short Category Questions SCQs. These (MCQs) questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, and develop a clear understanding of the concepts and processes. The SCQ questions are meant to improve your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writings, events, and develop a clear understanding of concepts and processes.

**Assignment III** has questions based on the practical manual. These questions will help you to understand how to frame a project synopsis and test your knowledge of applying the tools and techniques in a field situation.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the handwritten assignments within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

**Submission of the completed assignments:**

| Admission batch                           | Last date of submission | Place of submission                       |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| For the students enrolled in July 2026    | 30th April 2027         | Coordinator of the Learner Support Centre |
| For the students enrolled in January 2027 | 30th September 2027     |                                           |

Please visit the Learner Support Centre to submit your assignment and obtain the receipt for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Learner Support Centre shall return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Learner Support Centre shall send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment.

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) Planning: Read the assignments carefully, and go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) Organisation: Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.  
Make sure that your answer:
  - a) is logical and coherent;
  - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
  - c) is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

**Wish you all the best!**

**Discipline of Anthropology,  
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# **BANC-106: HUMAN ECOLOGY: BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS**

## **(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

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**Assignment Code: BANC 106/ASST/TMA/2026-2027**  
**Total Marks: 100**

Read the instructions carefully and answer accordingly. There are three Sections in the Assignment.  
Answer all questions from all the sections.

### **Assignment – I**

**Answer the following in about 500 words each. 20x2= 40**

- a. Define the concept of human ecology and examine its relationship with anthropology. 20
- b. Explain briefly the relationship between ecology and diseases. 20

### **Assignment – II**

Answer the following in about 250 words each

- a. Discuss human adaptation to hot and cold environments. 10
- b. Birth rate and Death rate 10

**Answer the following questions in about 75 words each. 2X5=10**

- a. Pollutants
- b. Cultural materialism
- c. Peasantry
- d. Human Ecology and climate change
- e. Allen's rule

### **Assignment – III**

- a. Write a sample research proposal on a topic of your choice in anthropology. 10
- b. Describe the systematic process of data analysis, interpretation, and research report writing. 20