

BANC-107

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCES
(HONOURS)
ANTHROPOLOGY**

(BSCANH)

ASSIGNMENT

July 2026- January 2027 sessions

COURSE CODE: BANC-107

**BANC 107: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN HUMAN
POPULATIONS**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Learner,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at 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 (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMA for the core course **BANC- 107 Biological Diversity in Human Populations** which is a six-credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs per course whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment I have 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 your 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:

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.

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	

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!

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BANC 107: Biological Diversity in Human Populations
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: BANC 107
Assignment Code: BANC 107/ASST/TMA/ 2026-27
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. What is human biological variation? Briefly discuss the various morphological characteristics used to understand human biological variation.
- b. What are the major human races of the world? Briefly discuss the characteristics of any one of these major races.

Assignment II

Answer any two of the following questions in about 250 words each. 10x2=20

- a. Briefly discuss the influence of Bio-cultural factors on Disease.
- b. Define Demography. Briefly discuss various mortality measures.
- c. Briefly comment on various demographic processes: fertility, mortality and migration.

Answer the following questions in about 50 words each. 2x5=10

- a. Genetic Drift
- b. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)
- c. Phenotype and Genotype
- d. Ethnicity and Race
- e. National Census

Assignment III

Answer the following questions in about 250 words 10x3=30

- a. Describe the human appendicular skeleton with suitable diagrams.
- b. Describe the procedure for measuring Bizygomatic Breadth and Upper Facial Height. Describe the landmarks involved.
- c. What is Dermatoglyphics? Briefly comment on the classification of Fingerprints with suitable diagrams.