

ESO-12

**Bachelor Degree Programme
(BDP)**

**Assignment for students admitted in
July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions**

**Elective Course in Sociology-12
(Society in India)**



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ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for an eight-credit elective course in Sociology. This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA).

It is important that you write answer to all TMA questions in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, the constant practice while writing answers to assignment questions help you to write better answers to questions in term-end examination.

The TMA is designed to enable you to write answers to different categories of questions. The Assignment is divided into three sections. Section 1 comprises 2 descriptive questions of 20 marks each. Descriptive Category Questions are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. Here, the evaluators have been asked to judge your ability to describe that you know about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section 2 comprises 4 questions that of 12 marks each. Here, you are requested to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise as well as precise manner. The evaluator shall assess your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or, present clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Section 3 comprises 2 questions of 6 marks each. These are meant to enhance your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writings, events, exact definition to terms, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you as per the schedule given below:

No. of Assignment	Date of Submission	To be sent
July 2026 Batch	31st March, 2027	To The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
January 2027 Batch	30th September, 2027	

You a must **obtain receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SED Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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ESO-12: Society in India
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Programme Code: BDP

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Maximum Marks: 100

Weightage: 30%

Answer all the questions.

Section-1

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Explain the nature of economic interdependence between the village and the wider society. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. 20
2. What is national integration? Discuss the major strategies for nation-building and examine the challenges faced in achieving national integration in India. 20

Section-2

Answer the following in about 250 words each.

3. Discuss the major factors responsible for changes in the institution of family in contemporary India. 12
4. Explain the concepts of *Dharma*, *Karma*, *Artha*, and *Moksha*. How do these concepts influence the Hindu social structure? 12
5. Discuss the nature of interaction between tribal communities and non-tribal social groups. What have been its major social and cultural consequences? 12
6. Explain the role of leadership and ideology in the emergence and development of social movements. 12

Section-3

Answer the following in about 100 words each.

7. Briefly explain how caste continues to influence ritual, economic, and political life in contemporary India. 06
8. Briefly discuss the distinctive features of women's work in Indian society. 06