

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**Master's Degree Programme
(MSCGG)
POPULATION AND SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY**

Valid from 1st July, 2026 to 30th June, 2027



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Dear Student,

Please read the section on assignments in the Programme Guide for Elective Courses that we sent you after your enrolment. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation, **which would consist of one tutor-marked assignment** for this course. The assignment is in this booklet, and it consists of three parts, Part A, B and C. The total marks of all the parts are 100, of which 35% are needed to pass it.

Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment, please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format:

ROLL NO.:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE CODE:

COURSE TITLE:

ASSIGNMENT NO.:

STUDY CENTRE: DATE:

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

- 2) Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 3) Leave 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet.
- 4) Your answers should be precise.
- 5) Complete each of Part A, and Part B of this assignment separately, and **submit them together**.
- 6) The assignment answer sheets are to be submitted to your Study Centre within the due date. **Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted. We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your answer sheets.**
- 7) This assignment is **valid from 1st July, 2026 to 30th June, 2027**. The last date for assignment submission is as follows:

30th September 2026 for January 2026 admission cycle and
31st March 2027 for July 2026 admission cycle
- 8) **You cannot fill the exam form for this course** till you have submitted this assignment. For any further queries, please contact: subhakanta@ignou.ac.in

We wish you good luck.

ASSIGNMENT

Course Name: Population and Settlement Geography

Course Code: MGG - 004

Assignment Code: MGG - 004/TMA/2026-27

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory and carry 10 marks each

1. Discuss in detail main sources of population data in the World.
2. Discuss the concept of Scheduled Tribes in India. Explain the demographic aspects and spatial distribution of Scheduled Tribes in India.
3. Critically evaluate Malthusian Theory of Population with suitable examples.
4. "The relationship between population and development is a two-way process, i.e. population affects development and vice versa." Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

Part-B

5. Explain the classification of settlements based on Forms and Functions with the help of suitable examples.
6. Discuss the Functional Landscape of Urban Areas.
7. Critically evaluate the urban housing and infrastructure policies in India since 2001.

Part-C

8. **Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.**
 - a) Age-Sex Pyramid
 - b) Trends and Patterns of Fertility in India
 - c) Contribution of Indian and American Geographers in the Development of Settlement Geography
 - d) Social Morphology of Rural Settlements in India
 - e) Rank Size Rule
 - f) National Population Policy, 2000