

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**M.Sc. Programme in Geography
(MSCGG)
(1st Semester)**

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 of MSc Geography Programme. 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, Part B and Part C 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: satyaraj@ignou.ac.in, vishalwarpa@ignou.ac.in, knrao@ignou.ac.in

We wish you good luck.

ASSIGNMENT
Advances in Geographical Thought

Course Code: MGG-008
Assignment Code: MGG-008/TMA/2026-27
Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Discuss the development of geography in early 1950s. Do a critical analysis of the scientific explanations in geography.
2. Explain Empiricism and Scientific Empiricism.
3. Discuss spatial theories in detail.
4. Discuss the conceptual and methodological development, changing paradigms and Humanistic Geography.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

6. Explain structuralism and structuration.
7. Explain the origins of critical geography with similarities and differences between critical and radical geography.
8. Define and explain behaviouralism.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Positivism
- b) Hartshorne-Schaefer Debate
- c) Meaning of Space
- d) Spatial Science
- e) Social production of nature
- f) Post-Structural Geography