

**MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSWOL)**

**(MSWOL First Year)**

**Assignment: 2026-2027**

**Course Titles**

MSW-001 : Origin and Development of Social Work

MSW-002 : Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives

MSW-003 : Basic Social Science Concepts

MSW-004 : Social Work and Social Development

MSW-005 : Social Work Practicum and Supervision

MSW-006 : Social Work Research

MSWE-010 : Social Work in African Context

MSW-032 : Social Work and Criminal Justice

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| <p>Last Date to upload the Assignment on the LMS<br/>July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027<br/>January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027</p> |
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Note : Kindly prepare the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work [MSWOL]** Programme at IGNOU.

Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

**To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:**

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to [mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in](mailto:mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in).
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

**Important Notes on Assignments:**

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and signed before upload.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write all the details like Name of programme, Name of course, Enrolment No., Academic Year, Regional Centre etc. on the front page of assignment.
- Write in your own words and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod  
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

## Basic Social Science Concepts ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-003

Total marks : 100

**Note:** (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **600** words each.

- 1) Discuss the features of caste system and how it operates in modern India with a suitable example. 20  

Or

Critically examine the process of social learning in human being. 20
- 2) Explain the implication of family and marriage for social work professionals. 20  

Or

Illustrate any two contemporary problems in family system with suitable example. 20
- 3) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **300** words each:
  - a) Write a short note on the types and characteristics of the group? 10
  - b) Illustrate any two theories of personality development. 10
  - c) Discuss the key changes happens in the adolescence stage. 10
  - d) Explain how to carry out family stress management. 10
- 4) Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each:
  - a) Define social change and explain the five ways of modernization. 5
  - b) Briefly discuss the major factors of social change. 5
  - c) Present any four important types of defense mechanisms. 5
  - d) Explain the important factors contributing for the development of personality. 5
  - e) Explain the contracting stage in family life cycle. 5
  - f) Briefly describe the concept of kinship and its role in social organization. 5
- 5) Write short notes on any **five** of the following questions in about **100** words each:
  - a) Apocalyptic Theory 4
  - b) Pluralist Society 4
  - c) Group Cohesion 4
  - d) Social Identity Theory 4
  - e) Gender and Sex 4
  - f) Family 4
  - g) Alternative Family 4
  - h) Role Conflict 4