

Assignments-2026

**Certificate in Social Work and Criminal Justice System
(CSWCJS)**



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Instruction for Assignment Submission: 2026

Dear Learner,

We hope that you have gone through the Programme Guide for CSWCJS carefully. We have explained there that it is important to complete the assignments within the stipulated time to become eligible to appear for the term-end examination of IGNOU. All the assignments of CSWCJS are Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) and are part of the continuous evaluation process. You will find that separate assignment has been provided for MSW-031 & MSW-032 (for students registered for January 2026 and July 2026).

Before you write the assignments, read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide and go through the course materials carefully. If you have any doubt or problems pertaining to the courses and assignments, contact the concerned academic counsellor at your Study Centre. You are requested to go through the course materials first and then prepare the assignment. You must follow the instructions for assignment preparation. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed by the enrolled learner.** Please submit your assignment at the Study Centre allotted to you before the due date as mentioned and obtain a receipt for the same.

You are expected to keep a copy of each for any future reference/use.

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Wish you all the best to complete the assignments within the above given time frame.

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Social Work and Criminal Justice (MSW 032)

Course Code: - MSW 032

Maximum Marks – 100

Note:

(i) Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **300** words each.

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

1. What do you understand by the terms ‘deviance’ and ‘crime’? How does the distinction between these two helps in understanding the social and legal responses to rule-breaking behaviour in society? 20
2. Discuss the philosophical bases of the elements of crime (actus reus, mens rea, and concurrence) for establishing criminal liability. 20
3. How does the interdependence of the police, prosecution, judiciary, and correctional institutions influence the credibility of the criminal justice administration in India? 20
4. What is the adversarial criminal justice system? Why is the principle of ‘presumption of innocence’ considered central to the adversarial criminal justice system. 20
5. Discuss the importance of the criminal justice processes—investigation, trial, and correction in crime control and protection of individual rights? 20
6. Why is the principle of presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial considered central to the criminal justice process? 20
7. How does the shift from deterrent to reformative and restorative theories of punishment influence the correctional institutions in India? 20
8. Why are prisoners’ rights considered essential for humane prison administration? Discuss in detail. 20