

**MA in Women's and Gender Studies
(MAWGSR)**

ASSIGNMENT
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ASSIGNMENT for MWG 104
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Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG-104/AST/TMA-2026-27	Please check assignment submission deadlines on the IGNOU website or by contacting your Regional Centre.

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Assignments need to be handwritten and each assignment should be submitted as a separate single document. Do not combine two assignments/Do not submit responses for individual questions as separate documents. Please also read carefully information regarding assignments and statement on plagiarism provided in the programme guide. Please write all answers in your own words. Assignments with plagiarized material (copied directly from course books or any other external sources) will not be accepted for evaluation.

Course Code : MWG 104
Course Title : Gendered Bodies and Sexualities
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Note: The assignment requires you to attempt **any TWO questions**. Each question carries 50 marks. The recommended length for the response is 1500-2000 words.

Maximum Marks: 100

Q.1. Discuss the changing nature of women's work in relation to the labour market in contemporary India. You can refer to the recent data on Labour Force Participation Rate or Periodic Labour Force Survey to give a comprehensive analysis of women's access to labour market in rural and urban India.

Q.2. Write an essay on the consequences of new reproductive technologies on women's physical and mental health. Take any one of the feminist theoretical strands (Radical, Socialist, Marxist, Liberal or Transnational feminism) to answer the question from a gender lens.

Q.3. Use the concepts of "sexual objectification" and "alienation" to discuss the forms of violence in South Asia from a gender perspective.

Choose one of the following formats to respond to the question.

a. Write an essay which presents an analysis of the themes with a theoretical framework. Wherever possible, you may include possible solutions/policy recommendations for bringing gender justice.

OR

b. Present a conversation/debate between feminist scholars or scholars of gender studies representing the conceptual/thematic positions or issues.