

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

ASSIGNMENT
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ASSIGNMENT for MWG 109
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Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG-109/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) or/and AI generated responses will not be accepted for evaluation.

Course Code : MWG 109
Course Title : Women and Social Structure
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Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any two of the following questions. The recommended length for the response is 1500-2000 words. 50 marks for each answer.

Q.1. Discuss the inherent challenges of gender constructions in Indian society. Take any one concept from the course “Women and Social Structure” to show the interplay between gender, patriarchy and social structure.

Q.2. Read a recent report on maternal health status of India and prepare a review of the report with reference to policy recommendation towards improving the health status of women in India.

Q.3. Write an essay on the significance of caste and class as social structures in shaping women’s experiences and issues in contemporary Indian society.