MASO

Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

First Year

M.A. Sociology

Assignment
January 2026 sessions &
July 2026 and January 2027 sessions

MSO-103: Sociology in India-I

FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY
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ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one ***Tutor*** Marked Assignment TMAs) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words.**

Admission Cycle	**Date of Submission**	**To be sent**
For students admitted in January 2026 Batch	30th September, 2026	**To,** **The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**
For students admitted in July 2026 Batch	31st March, 2027	
For students admitted in January 2027 Batch	30th September, 2027	

You must **obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Some Tips for Doing Assignments

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind while doing the assignments:

1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully; go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
2) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underling the points you with to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Answer any *five* questions in about *500* words each.

		Marks
1.	Discuss the social and historical background that led to the emergence of sociology as a discipline in India.	20
2.	What is the difference between the "book view" and the "field view" in Indian sociology?	20
3.	How did B.R. Ambedkar and Ram Manohar Lohia view the caste system, and what were their solutions for it?	20
4.	Explain the relationship between gender and caste.	20
5.	Explain the application of descent theory to the study of kinship system in north India.	20
6.	Is the Indian joint family disappearing because of modern changes like urbanization? Discuss.	20
7.	What are the major changes happening in the institution of marriage in India today?	20
8.	Describe the link between modernity and the middle class in contemporary India.	20
9.	Why can’t we study Indian villages by looking at "Caste" alone? Why is "Class" also important? Discuss.	20
10.	Describe the working class in the Indian scenario.	20