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## ASSIGNMENTS

### Master of Arts in Sociology (MASO)

SESSION: 2018-19 (July 2018)

#### *SUBMISSION DATES FOR ASSIGNMENTS*

COURSE CODE	ASSIGNMENT NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	SUBMISSION DATE
MSO-01	I	Sociological Theories and Concepts	Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
	II		
MSO-02	I	Research Methodologies and Methods	Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
	II		

# INSTRUCTIONS

*Dear Learner,*

*Welcome to the Master of Arts programme in Sociology offered by Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur.*

*You are required to submit two numbers of assignment per course within the stipulated time in order to become eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The assignments will be evaluated by the counselors at your Study Centre. Please submit your assignments response to Coordinator of the Study Centre. Before you attempt the assignments, please go through the course materials carefully. Please read the instructions pertaining to an assignment before your start writing your answer. Do not copy from the course material or from any other source. You are advised to read the material carefully, understand the same and write answers in your own language and style so that you will get good marks/grades.*

## ***Purpose of Assignments:***

*1. Assignments are part of the continuous evaluation process in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. Due weightage is given to the marks/grades you obtain in assignments. This will help you for better performance in the term-end examination. If you secure good grades/marks in assignments, your overall performance will improve.*

*2. Assignments are also a part of the teaching-learning process in ODL. Your assignment, after evaluation, will be returned back to you with specific and general comments by the evaluator. This will help you to know your strength as well as your weakness. Thus, it will establish a two-way communication between learner and evaluator.*

## ***How to write assignments:***

*1. Write your name, programme code, course title, enrolment no. and study centre code in the top sheet of the assignment answer booklet.*

*2. Write the answers in your handwriting. Give sufficient margin in the left side of each page so that the evaluator will give comments on each paragraph/page. Do not cross the word limit given in each question.*

*3. Your handwriting should be neat and readable.*

## ***Weightage for assignments:***

*1. Assignment carry 25% weightage and term-end examination carry 75% weightage.*

*2. Each assignment will be of 100 marks.*

*3. You have to score minimum pass mark i.e. 40% in each assignment. In case you do not submit assignment or get fail mark in assignment you have to re-submit in the next year.*

**Master of Arts (Sociology) MASO**  
**Assignment-1**  
Sociological Theories and Concepts (MSO-1)  
Session 2018-19

**Full Mark – 100**

**(All Sections are compulsory)**

**SECTION- A**

- 1. Define the followings(Word limit each within 50 Words) [2x5=10]**
- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Theory           | d) Social Function       |
| b) Concept          | e) Social Stratification |
| c) Social Structure |                          |

**SECTION – B**

- 2. Write Notes on any four (Word limit each within 100 Words) [5x4=20]**
- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) Paradigm Shift             | d) Nationality            |
| b) Organic Analogy of Society | e) Sovereignty            |
| c) Legitimacy                 | f) Social Differentiation |

**SECTION – C**

- 3. Answer any four Questions(Word limit each within 200 Words) [10x4=40]**
- Briefly describe the process of modernization in post-colonial India.
  - Discuss the important elements of caste system.
  - How important are primordial loyalties? Discuss.
  - Discuss the role of religious minorities in India.
  - Is India a capitalist state? Explain.
  - Discuss Durkheim's idea of collective consciousness.

**SECTION – D**

- 4. Answer any two Questions (Word limit each within 300 Words) [15x2=30]**
- Explain historical materialism in the light of Marx.
  - Discuss the evolution of bureaucracy in the light of Weber.
  - Explain Durkheim's method with examples.
  - How is generalisation arrived at in sociology?

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**Assignment-2**

Sociological Theories and Concepts (MSO-1)

Session 2018-19

**Full Mark – 100**

**(All Sections are compulsory)**

**SECTION- A**

- 1. Define the followings (Word each within 50 Words) [2x5=10]**
- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| a) Paradigm          | d) Social Dynamics |
| b) Neo-functionalism | e) Reference Group |
| c) Social statics    |                    |

**SECTION – B**

- 2. Write Notes on any four (Word limit each within 100 Words) [5x4=20]**
- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| a) Ideology        | d) Relative surplus |
| b) Latent function | e) Multiculturalism |
| c) Ascribed status | f) Melting pot      |

**SECTION – C**

- 3. Answer any four Questions (Word limit each within 200 Words) [10x4=40]**
- Explain positivism.
  - How does Weber explain capitalism?
  - How does Durkheim explain suicide?
  - Explain the AGIL model of Parsons.
  - Discuss charismatic authority
  - Explain cultural change.

**SECTION – D**

- 4. Answer any two Questions (Word limit each within 300 Words) [15x2=30]**
- How do Structuralists look at society?
  - Discuss civil society as promoter of democracy.
  - Compare Marx and Durkheim on State.
  - Elaborate the changing status of women in India.

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Assignment-1  
Research Methodologies and Methods (MSO -2)  
Session 2018-19

**Full Mark – 100**

**(All Sections are compulsory)**

**SECTION- A**

- 5. Define the followings (Word limit each within 50 Words) [2x5=10]**
- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| f) Science      | i) Deductive logic |
| g) Epistemology | j) Assumptions     |
| h) Common sense |                    |

**SECTION – B**

- 6. Write Notes on any four (Word limit each within 100 Words) [5x4=20]**
- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| g) Qualitative study | k) Ratio and Percentage |
| h) Hypothesis        | l) Random Numbers       |
| i) Social Survey     |                         |
| j) Classification    |                         |

**SECTION – C**

- 7. Answer any four Questions (Word limit each within 200 Words) [10x4=40]**
- g) Explain the measures of Central tendencies.
  - h) Describe different types of Correlation.
  - i) What do you do as a specialist in PRA?
  - j) Identify the relationship between Census and Sample.
  - k) Discuss the contribution of Internet in data collection.
  - l) Discuss the use of Content Analysis in social science research.

**SECTION – D**

- 8. Answer any two Questions (Word limit each within 300 Words) [15x2=30]**
- e) Discuss different types of Sampling.
  - f) How do feminists look at social reality? Explain with an example.
  - g) Prepare a research design for any topic of your choice.
  - h) Identify your activities as a Participant observer.

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Assignment-2  
Research Methodologies and Methods (MSO -2)  
Session 2018-19

**Full Mark – 100**

**(All Sections are compulsory)**

**SECTION- A**

- 1. Define the followings (Word limit each within 50 Words) [2x5=10]**
- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| a) Inductive logic    | d) Proposition |
| b) Positivism         | e) Abstraction |
| c) Comparative method |                |

**SECTION – B**

- 2. Write Notes on any four (Word limit each within 100 Words) [5x4=20]**
- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| a) Quantitative study | e) Frequency distribution and Approximation |
| b) Research Design    | f) Research Ethics                          |
| c) Sampling           |   |
| d) Tabulation         |   |

**SECTION – C**

- 3. Answer any four Questions (Word limit each within 200 Words) [10x4=40]**
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| a) Explain the measures of Dispersion   | d) Discuss different types of graphical representation. |
| b) How to observe small group behavior? | e) What are the sources of data?                        |
| c) Explain ‘reflexive sociology’        | f) Describe different ways of testing hypotheses?       |

**SECTION – D**

- 4. Answer any two Questions (Word limit each within 300 Words) [15x2=30]**
- How do you theorise in social sciences?
  - What is Hermeneutics? Explain with reference to the contributions of Hans-Georg Gadamer.
  - How do you prepare a project proposal?
  - Discuss the role of a Sociologist in policy planning?