BSOC 112

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASSIGNMENTS 2024-25

For July 2024 and January 2025 Admission Cycles

COURSE CODE: BSOC-112

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS I

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide, evaluation of a course at IGNOU comprise i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30 per cent weightage while 70 per cent weightage is assigned to term-end examination. You will have to do three assignments for a six credit course and two assignments for a four credit course. This assignment booklet has assignments for the course **BSOC-112: Sociological Research Methods I**.

Assignment A has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe your understanding/knowledge about a topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Assignment B has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, and clear understanding of the concepts and processes.

Assignment C has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall in brief the relevant/ precise information about various concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read carefully the instructions provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember that writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skill and prepare you for the Term-End Examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Completed assignments should be submitted to the C**oordinator of your Study Centre** by:

For students of July 2024 cycle: **30.04.2025**

For students of January 2025 cycle: **31.10.2025**

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy/ scanned copy of the assignments submitted by you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category questions as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the Units on which they are based. Make important points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.

2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

   Make sure that your answer
   a) is logical and coherent;
   b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
   c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.

3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Best wishes

Faculty of Sociology

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Total Marks: 100

Assignment I

Answer the following Descriptive Category Questions in about 500 words each. Each question carries 20 marks. 2× 20 = 40

1. Explain Popper's viewpoint on objectivity in social research.

2. Discuss Durkheim's prescription on sociological research.

Assignment II

Answer the following Middle Category Questions in about 250 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. 3 × 10 = 30

3. What is historical method is research?

4. In what way did Murdock use comparative method and statistics in research.

5. What are the main criticisms of feminist essentialism by standpoint theorists.

Assignment III

Answer the following Short Category Questions in about 100 words each. Each question carries 6 marks. 5 × 6 = 30

6. What are the main characteristics of quantitative research?

7. What are the objectives of qualitative research?

8. What did Bourdieu mean by 'social field'?

9. What do you understand by reflexivity?

10. What is the significance of Shodhganga in research?