BANE-146

BACHELOR OF ARTS
(BAG)

ASSIGNMENT

July 2025-January 2026

COURSE CODE: BANE-146

ANTHROPOLOGY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation in IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BANE 146: Anthropology of Indigenous People,** which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment I 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 understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment II 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 clearly understand concepts and processes.

Assignment III has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recalling the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

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

Submission of the completed assignments:

	Last date of submission	**Place of submission**
July 2025 cycle	30th April 2026	Coordinator of the learner support centre
January 2026 cycle	30th September 2026	

Please visit the Learner Support Centre to submit your assignment and obtain the receipt for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Learner Support Centre shall return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Learner Support Centre shall send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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

1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, and go through the Units on which they are based. Make some 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 emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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BANE-146: ANTHROPOLOGY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

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Total Marks: 100

There are three Assignments. All questions are compulsory.

Assignment – I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Elaborate on the meaning and definition of Indigenous People. 20

2. What is difference between Somatometry and Somatoscopy? Discuss your answer with a few examples. 20

Assignment – II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. Describe the biological and cultural diversity of Indigenous People. 10

4. Explain the Concept of Sanskritisation. 10

5. What is Dermatoglyphics? Describe various types of Finger prints. 10

Assignment – III

Answer the following questions in about 125 words each.

6. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). 5

7. Tribe-caste continuum 5

8. Indigenous knowledge 5

9. Upward social mobility 5

10. Functions of caste system 5

11. ABO blood group system 5