

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(July 2022-23 Academic Year)
First Semester**



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Assignment No.	Submission of Assignments by the Students
MWG-001/AST/TMA-2022	Please check assignment submission deadlines on the IGNOU website or by contacting your Regional Centre.

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Course Code: MWG 001

Course Title: Theories of Women's & Gender Studies

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Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment requires you to attempt any two essay type questions. The recommended length for each answer is 1000 words.

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Attempt any two of the following Long Answer questions (50 marks each)

1. Critically read Block 1, Unit 1 and 2. What kinds of debates emerged in the feminist movements in the western and Indian history? Discuss with suitable examples.
2. Critically read Block 2, Unit 2, evaluate the formation and historical background of peasant and working-class women in India. Discuss the contemporary situation of peasant and working-class women in India by providing suitable examples.
3. Read Unit 2 in Block 5, discuss the feminist critique of psychoanalysis in the context of Freud and Lacan.