

**BANC-133**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**(BAG)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**July 2023 and January 2024 sessions**

**COURSE CODE: BANC-133**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
ANTHROPOLOGY**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Learner,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at 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 (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BANC- 133 Fundamentals of Social and Cultural Anthropology** 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 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 the 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, or 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 persons, writing, events, 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 handwritten assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

**Submission of the completed assignments:**

<b>Admission batch</b>	<b>Last date of submission</b>	<b>Place of submission</b>
For the students enrolled in July 2023	30th April 2024	Coordinator of the student's study center
For the students enrolled in January 2024	31st October 2024	

Please visit the study centre to submit your assignment and obtain the 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 shall return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre shall send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category 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 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 emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

**Wish you all the best!**

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**BANC-133 : FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
ANTHROPOLOGY  
Tutor Marked Assignments**

**Course Code: BANC-133  
Assignment Code: ASST /TMA /July 2023 and January 2024  
Total Marks: 100**

**There are three Assignments. All questions are compulsory.**

**Assignment – A**

**Answer the following in about 500 words each. 2X20= 40**

- a. Define the social and cultural anthropology. Discuss its scope.
- b. Deliberate on the economic, political and religious institutions in societies.

**Assignment – B**

**Answer the following in about 250 words each. (Write Short Notes) 3X10=30**

- a. Discuss participant observation.
- b. Write a note on structuralism.
- c. Discuss the mechanisms of culture change.

**Assignment – C**

**Answer the following questions in about 150 words each. 6X5=30**

- a. Fieldwork
  - b. Interview schedule and guide
  - c. Kinship
  - d. Report writing
  - e. Interpretive approach
  - f. Gender and culture
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