

FREE SAMPLE SET | IGNOU GUESS PAPER | DECEMBER 2026 TEE | OMR PAPER

BSHF-101 Foundation Course in Humanities and Social Sciences

An OMR paper needs MCQ practice, not long answers: 40 practice questions on the topics IGNOU keeps testing

Course: BSHF-101 Foundation Course in Humanities and Social Sciences (objective type, OMR, in December 2026)

December 2026 paper: Wednesday 2 December 2026, 2 PM to 5 PM (IGNOU tentative date sheet dated 21 September 2026)

Programme: BDP, BTS, BCA and BSW (as listed in the date sheet's OMR note)

Built from: IGNOU BSHF-101 papers of June 2020, December 2021, December 2023, June 2025 and December 2025 (bilingual), read on IGNOU's servers on 29 September 2026

STUDY REFERENCE

MCQ PRACTICE

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How the BSHF-101 paper works now

- **An objective paper.** IGNOU's tentative date sheet for December 2026 lists BSHF-101 among the courses whose question papers are objective type (MCQ) on an OMR sheet. The recent papers are exactly that: 3 hours, 100 marks, a question booklet, and an OMR response sheet you must hand back before leaving.
- **No negative marking.** The June 2025 and December 2025 papers state in their instructions that there is no negative marking for wrong answers. Read the instructions on your own booklet to confirm, and if the rule is the same, do not leave any circle blank.
- **Both languages in one booklet.** The December 2025 file is bilingual (English and Hindi).

This is why a long-answer "solved guess paper" does little for BSHF-101 now. What helps is timed MCQ practice across the course's topic areas, which is what this set gives you.

Topic map: what the five papers tested

Topic area	Examples of what IGNOU asked
Society and social theory	Marx's "social formation" (June 2020 and June 2025), Durkheim's sacred and profane, division of labour, acephalous societies, achieved status, socialisation, cultural lag and social change
Ancient and early India	The earliest Veda, the Great Bath, Megasthenes' <i>Indica</i> , the Tripitaka, the first English translation of <i>Shakuntala</i>
The making of the modern world	The Renaissance, Boccaccio's <i>Decameron</i> , empiricism and the new science
Indian national movement	Viceroy's and the early Congress, nationalist journals
Economy and planning	The aim of the Second Five Year Plan

Topic area	Examples of what IGNOU asked
Polity and administration	The right to property, forms of government, planning and coordination in administration
Knowledge and contemporary issues	Objectivity in knowledge, knowledge against propaganda

The "social formation" question opened both the June 2020 and June 2025 papers, and knowledge and objectivity were asked in both. Some ideas clearly come back.

40 practice MCQs

These questions are ours, written on the topics above; they are not IGNOU's questions. Time yourself at about 1 minute per question. Answers and one-line reasons follow.

Society and social theory

1. The concept of "social formation", with economic, political and ideological levels, belongs to which tradition? (1) Functionalist (2) Marxist (3) Liberal (4) Fascist
2. Emile Durkheim divided religious life into the sacred and the: (1) moral (2) profane (3) mystical (4) ritual
3. Durkheim studied totemism among Australian Aborigines in: (1) *Suicide* (2) *The Division of Labour in Society* (3) *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life* (4) *The Rules of Sociological Method*
4. A position in society earned through one's own effort is: (1) ascribed status (2) achieved status (3) caste status (4) inherited status
5. Learning the ways of one's culture through family, peers and school is: (1) stratification (2) socialisation (3) urbanisation (4) mobility
6. An "acephalous" society is one that: (1) has a hereditary king (2) has no centralised political authority (3) has no religion (4) has no family
7. The term "cultural lag" was introduced by: (1) W. F. Ogburn (2) Max Weber (3) Auguste Comte (4) Herbert Spencer
8. The dialectic of thesis, antithesis and synthesis that Marx reworked came from: (1) Kant (2) Hegel (3) Locke (4) Hume
9. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* was written by: (1) Karl Marx (2) Max Weber (3) Emile Durkheim (4) Georg Simmel
10. In Durkheim's terms, a society with a complex division of labour is held together by: (1) mechanical solidarity (2) organic solidarity (3) coercion (4) kinship

Ancient and early India

11. The earliest of the four Vedas is the: (1) Samaveda (2) Yajurveda (3) Rigveda (4) Atharvaveda
12. The Great Bath was found at: (1) Harappa (2) Lothal (3) Mohenjo-daro (4) Kalibangan
13. *Indica* was written by the Greek envoy to Chandragupta Maurya's court: (1) Strabo (2) Megasthenes (3) Ptolemy (4) Pliny

14. The part of the Tripitaka that contains the discourses of the Buddha is the: (1) Vinaya Pitaka (2) Sutta Pitaka (3) Abhidhamma Pitaka (4) Jataka

15. *Shakuntala* was first translated into English by: (1) Max Muller (2) Sir William Jones (3) James Prinsep (4) Warren Hastings

16. Ashoka turned to dhamma after the war in: (1) Magadha (2) Kalinga (3) Avanti (4) Gandhara

The making of the modern world

17. The Renaissance began in: (1) England (2) France (3) Italy (4) Spain

18. *The Decameron* was written by: (1) Dante (2) Petrarch (3) Boccaccio (4) Machiavelli

19. The movable-type printing press in Europe is credited to: (1) Galileo (2) Gutenberg (3) Luther (4) Newton

20. The Protestant Reformation began in 1517 with: (1) John Calvin (2) Martin Luther (3) Erasmus (4) Henry VIII

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21. Which thinker is known for empiricism and the method of induction? (1) Descartes (2) Francis Bacon (3) Hegel (4) Rousseau

22. The heliocentric theory was proposed by: (1) Ptolemy (2) Copernicus (3) Aristotle (4) Kepler

Indian national movement

23. The Indian National Congress was founded in: (1) 1857 (2) 1885 (3) 1905 (4) 1919

24. The first session of the Congress was held in: (1) Calcutta (2) Madras (3) Bombay (4) Lahore

25. Bengal was partitioned in 1905 under Viceroy: (1) Lord Ripon (2) Lord Curzon (3) Lord Minto (4) Lord Dufferin

26. Gandhi withdrew the Non-Cooperation Movement after the incident at: (1) Champaran (2) Chauri Chaura (3) Kheda (4) Bardoli

27. The Quit India Movement was launched in: (1) 1930 (2) 1935 (3) 1942 (4) 1947

Economy and planning

28. The main aim of the Second Five Year Plan (1956 to 1961) was: (1) agriculture (2) rapid industrialisation (3) employment for all (4) family planning

29. The First Five Year Plan (1951 to 1956) gave priority to: (1) heavy industry (2) agriculture and irrigation (3) defence (4) exports

30. In 2015 the Planning Commission was replaced by: (1) NABARD (2) NITI Aayog (3) Finance Commission (4) SEBI

31. The Green Revolution of the mid-1960s relied mainly on: (1) organic manure (2) high-yielding seeds with irrigation and fertilisers (3) tractors alone (4) land reform alone

Polity and administration

32. After the 44th Amendment (1978), the right to property in India is: (1) a fundamental right (2) a constitutional right under Article 300A (3) a directive principle (4) not a right at all

33. The Directive Principles of State Policy are in Part: (1) III (2) IV (3) IVA (4) V

34. The Fundamental Duties were added by the: (1) 24th Amendment (2) 42nd Amendment (3) 44th Amendment (4) 73rd Amendment

35. Constitutional status for Panchayati Raj institutions came through the: (1) 61st Amendment (2) 73rd Amendment (3) 86th Amendment (4) 101st Amendment

36. The United States has a: (1) parliamentary system (2) presidential system (3) monarchy (4) one-party system

Knowledge and contemporary issues

37. The main greenhouse gas released by burning fossil fuels is: (1) oxygen (2) nitrogen (3) carbon dioxide (4) argon

38. The idea of "human security" was set out prominently in UNDP's Human Development Report of: (1) 1990 (2) 1994 (3) 2000 (4) 2015

39. In the study of knowledge, "objectivity" means: (1) the absence of bias (2) agreement with the majority (3) the use of statistics only (4) belief in authority

40. Delivering government services through computers and the internet is called: (1) e-commerce (2) e-governance (3) e-learning (4) e-banking

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Answer key with reasons

Q	Ans	Reason
1	2	Social formation is a Marxist concept
2	2	Sacred versus profane
3	3	<i>The Elementary Forms of Religious Life</i> (1912)
4	2	Achieved, as opposed to ascribed, status
5	2	Socialisation
6	2	Without a head: no central authority
7	1	Ogburn, 1922
8	2	Hegel's dialectic, reworked by Marx
9	2	Max Weber, 1905
10	2	Organic solidarity
11	3	The Rigveda
12	3	Mohenjo-daro

Q	Ans	Reason
13	2	Megasthenes
14	2	Sutta Pitaka; Vinaya holds rules, Abhidhamma philosophy
15	2	Sir William Jones, 1789
16	2	Kalinga
17	3	Italy
18	3	Boccaccio
19	2	Gutenberg, about 1450
20	2	Martin Luther
21	2	Francis Bacon
22	2	Copernicus, 1543
23	2	1885
24	3	Bombay
25	2	Lord Curzon
26	2	Chauri Chaura, 1922
27	3	1942
28	2	Rapid industrialisation
29	2	Agriculture and irrigation
30	2	NITI Aayog
31	2	High-yielding varieties with irrigation and fertilisers
32	2	Article 300A
33	2	Part IV
34	2	42nd Amendment, 1976
35	2	73rd Amendment, 1992
36	2	Presidential system
37	3	Carbon dioxide
38	2	1994
39	1	Absence of bias
40	2	E-governance

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How to use this set before 2 December

- **Now:** read the course blocks once, marking names, dates and definitions, which is what MCQs test.

- **Two weeks before:** do these 40 questions in 40 minutes, then check the reasons for every mistake, not only the answer.
- **One week before:** work through the full June 2025 and December 2025 booklets from ignou.ac.in (100 questions each) under timed conditions.
- **In the exam:** answer the easy questions first. If the instructions again say there is no negative marking, fill every circle before handing in the OMR sheet.

What this free set is, and is not

This is a practice set of 40 questions on the topics the five BSHF-101 papers above tested. The complete BSHF-101 practice booklet, with more MCQs across all blocks in English or Hindi, costs ₹49 as a PDF or ₹100 as a printed copy, plus a one-time ₹100 courier charge per printed order. Order on WhatsApp +91 93546 37830.

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