

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
(BDP)**

**ASSIGNMENT 2023-24
For July 2023 and January 2024 Admission cycle**

**Course Code: BECE-214
Title of Course: Agricultural Development in India**

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Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) 2023-24

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% weightage while 70% weightage is given 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 elective course BECE-214: Agricultural Development in India.

Section I has Long answer questions. 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.

Section II has Medium answer questions. 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.

Section III has Short answer questions. 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. 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

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 Coordinator of your Study Centre by:

For students registered in July 2023 cycle: 30.04.2024

For students registered in January 2024 cycle: 31.10.2024

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.

BECE-214 AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA

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Total Marks: 100

Answer all the questions.

Section I: Long answer questions (word limit - 500 words).

2 × 20 = 40

1. (a) Explain the historical perspective of the evolution of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India. (10)

(b) Review the PRIs functioning in the post-2001 years. (10)

2. Explain the concept of 'commercialisation of agriculture' and the factors that contributed to its erosion during the period of 1900s.

Section II: Medium answer questions (word limit - 250 words).

4 × 12 = 48

3. Explain the importance of economic policies to agricultural development.

4. Discuss the various modes of irrigation practiced in India.

5. Examine the performance of 'tenancy reforms' over the period 1951-1991.

6. Rural industries were promoted in India over the period 1951-1991. Explain the policy measures initiated with respect to such industries.

Section III: Short answer questions (word limit - 100 words).

2 × 6 = 12

7. Write short notes on the following:

(a) Major issues of water resource management in India

(b) Cropping pattern in India