

M.A.(RD)

Master's Programme in Rural Development

Assignments

(July 2023/ January 2024 Session)

MA (RD) –First Year



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Master of Arts (Rural Development)

ASSIGNMENTS

MRD-201, MRD-202 AND MRD-203 MRD-004
Schedule for July 2023 / January 2024

Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2023-24	For July 2023 session 31st March 2024 For January 2024 session 30th September 2024	The coordinator of your Study Centre
MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2023-24		
MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2023-24		
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2023-2024		

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A.(RD) you will have to do one assignment in each course of 6 credits. Last date of submission for all the assignments is mentioned above but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of particular course and submit them so that you may get back the marks and comments of the counselor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments.

PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS FROM PROGRAMME GUIDE.

Assignment-1

Rural Development: Indian Context

Course Code: MRD-201

Course Title: Rural Development: Indian Context

Assignment No.: MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2023-24

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium, and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each.

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. What do you mean by rural society? Describe important characteristics of Indian rural society.
2. Describe the concept, aims and objectives of rural development.
3. Discuss the impact of emerging knowledge on the behaviour of rural society.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss in brief about agrarian movements in Pre-independent India.
2. Explain major approaches of rural development.
3. Describe major institutions of Indian rural society.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Rural Urban Linkages in India
2. Water Resources
3. Cooperatives
4. Green Revolution
5. Social Mobility
6. Indigenous Communication Channels
7. ICT and Livelihood Assets
8. Consolidation of Land Holdings

Assignment-2

Rural Development Programmes

Course Code: MRD-202

Course Title: Rural Development Programmes

Assignment No.: MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2023-24

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium, and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe some important Poverty Alleviation Programmes and problems encountered in their execution.
2. Explain important features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin.
3. What do you mean by watershed. Discuss the importance and major characteristics of Watershed Management.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss the significance of science and technology for rural development.
2. Describe common aspects of National Social Assistance Programmes.
3. Discuss in brief important features of Skill Development Programmes in India.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
2. Dimensions of Food Security
3. Social Forestry
4. Hill Area Development Programme
5. Benefits of Rural Telecommunication Connectivity
6. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
7. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana
8. National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Assignment-3

Rural Development – Planning and Management

Course Code: MRD-203

Course Title: Rural Development – Planning and Management

Assignment No.: MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2023-24

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe major dimensions of a project.
2. Discuss the significance of village level planning in Panchayati Raj System.
3. Explain the history of planning in India.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss in brief about rural development planning methodologies.
2. What do you mean by voluntarism? Describe the evolution of the concept of voluntarism.
3. Describe the role of time in Economic Appraisal.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6

each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Project Life Cycle
2. Voluntary Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisation
3. Detailed Project Report
4. Technical Feasibility
5. Evaluation of Rural Development Projects
6. Need for Development Planning
7. Factors Determining People's Participation
8. Block Level Planning

Assignment-4

Research Methods in Rural Development

Course Code: MRD-004

Course Title: Research Methods in Rural Development

Assignment No.: MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2023-2024

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. What is action research? Explain.
2. What do you mean by observation? Discuss its types, stages, and limitations.
3. Explain the difference between experimental research and descriptive research.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Describe the methods of sampling in Social Research.
2. How do you formulate a research problem? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from the area of rural development.
3. What is phenomenology? Explain the phenomenological approaches in social research.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Types of Questionnaires
2. Applied Research
3. Evaluation Research
4. Research in Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
5. Hypothesis
6. Diagnostic Research
7. Case Study
8. Quantitative and Qualitative Data