

M.A.(RD)

Master's Programme in Rural Development

Assignments

(July 2024 /January 2025 Session)

MA(RD) – Second Year



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Master of Arts (Rural Development)

ASSIGNMENTS

MRDE-201, MRDE-202, MRDE-203, MRDE-002,
MRDE-003 & MRDE-004
Schedule for July 2024 / January 2025

Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRDE-201/AST/TMA-5/2024-2025	For July 2024 session 31st March, 2025	The coordinator of your Study Centre
MRDE-202/AST/TMA-6/2024-2025		
MRDE-203/AST/TMA-7/2024-2025	For January 2025 session 30th September, 2025	
MRDE-002/AST/TMA-8/2024-2025		
MRDE-003/AST/TMA-9/2024-2025		
MRDE-004/AST/TMA-10/2024-2025		

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-5

Rural Social Development

Course Code: MRDE-201
Course Title: Rural Social Development
Assignment No.: MRDE-201/AST/TMA-5/2024-2025
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. Discuss the nature and scope of rural social development in present scenario? Explain any five points
2. Describe the role of Artisans and other backward classes in rural areas. Write down the main points taken by the government for their betterment.
3. Explain the rural children schemes related to their health, nutrition and education.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Explain the main factors and indicators of rural social development.
2. Describe the various schemes related to development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
3. Discuss the policies, programmes and legislations scope for rural women.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Integrated Child Development Services
2. Social Security Pensions
3. Gender Inequality
4. Sex Ratio
5. Anemia
6. Swa-Shakti Project
7. Cottage Industries
8. Rural Sanitation Programme

Assignment-6

Rural Health Care

Course Code: MRDE-202
Course Title: Rural Health Care
Assignment No.: MRDE-202/AST/TMA-6/2024-2025
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. Explain the evolution of the National Health Policy of India.
2. Discuss the development of public health in India.
3. Analyze various components of Indigenous health services.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss the present challenges which rural health sector are facing.
2. What are the main differences between communicable and non-communicable disease?
3. Define food safety. Mention the social determinants of health

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Ambient Air Pollution
2. Diagnosis in Ayurveda
3. Primary Health Care
4. Tuberculosis (TB)
5. Biogas Generation
6. Waste Management
7. Organic Food
8. Ayushman Bharat Yojna

Assignment- 7
Communication and Extension in Rural Development

Course Code: MRDE-203
Course Title: Communication and Extension in Rural Development
Assignment No.: MRDE-203/AST/TMA-7/2024-2025
Maximum Marks: 100

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Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Explain different factors affecting organizational communication.
2. Describe the characteristics of communication that makes society functional.
3. What are the factors to be considered for effective communication planning and design?

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Write a short essay on the objectives of extension education.
2. Discuss brief the role of ICT in development.
3. Explain the need of communication support in rural development.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Active Listening
2. Participatory Rural Appraisal
3. Electronic Media
4. Social Marketing
5. E-Governance
6. Technology Adaption
7. Management Planning
8. Communication Flow

Assignment-8

Voluntary Action in Rural Development

Course Code: MRDE-002
Course Title: Voluntary Action in Rural Development
Assignment No.: MRDE-002/AST/TMA-8/2024-2025
Maximum Marks: 100

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Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Discuss the essential tenets of Voluntary Associations in a democratic society.
2. Discuss the Gandhian conception of voluntarism and rural reconstruction during freedom struggle.
3. Describe the basic features of funding by Indian State for giving financial assistance to Voluntary Organizations.

Medium Answers Questions Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Explain the objectives and guiding principles of Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD).
2. Describe the contribution of Tarun Bhart Sangh (TBS) to watershed development in rural area.
3. Discuss CBO-Approach in the context of Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP).

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Barefoot College
2. Voluntary Action Cell
3. Main Characteristics of Unregistered VOs
4. NGO-Typology based on Tasks
5. Networking and Alliance Building among Voluntary Organisation
6. Limitations of Bureaucratic Administration
7. Weisbrod's Approach to Non-Profit Organizations
8. Meaning and Essence of Voluntarism

Assignment-9
Land Reforms and Rural Development

Course Code: MRDE-003
Course Title: Land Reforms and Rural Development
Assignment No.: MRED-003/AST/TMA-9/2024-2025
Maximum Marks: 100

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Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Discuss the contribution of land reforms in poverty alleviation and economic equality.
2. Describe salient feature of major non-governmental initiatives taken in the area of land reforms.
3. What do you mean by 'agrarian structure' and 'land tenure'? Describe in brief the changes introduced in land tenure and its impact on agrarian structure during British rule.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Explain the current status of land revenue administration in India.
2. Describe the important features of land tenure systems in ancient India.
3. Discuss in brief the impact of tenancy reforms on rural society and economy in India.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Computerization of Land Records
2. Indigo Movement (1859-60)
3. Social Movements and Peasant Movements
4. Pattern of Operational Holdings
5. Agrarian Structure in Pre-British India
6. National Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy, 2003
7. Land Revenue System of the Marathas
8. Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Social Development

Assignment-10

Entrepreneurship and Rural Development

Course Code: MRDE-004
Course Title: Entrepreneurship and Rural Development
Assignment No.: MRDE-004/AST/TMA-10/2024-2025
Maximum Marks: 100

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Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe the initiatives of non-governmental organizations in the context of rural entrepreneurship.
2. What do you understand by Entrepreneurship? Describe its nature and characteristics.
3. Discuss the primary management functions in managing a rural enterprise.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Examine various sources of funds available for rural entrepreneurship.
2. Highlight the entrepreneurial experience 'Black To Roots' of Shri Sanjay Singh.
3. Why is democratic state more conducive for entrepreneurship?

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Working Capital
2. Break-Even analysis
3. Market Research
4. Partnership
5. Intensive Campaigns
6. Mal-Integration of Rural and Urban Economy
7. Adaptation
8. Innovation