

**Master of Arts in Urban Studies(MAUS)
First Year**

**Assignments
(January & July - 2022 Sessions)**



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks. Irrespective of the year of registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the detailed instructions about assignments given in the Programme Guide.
2. The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

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3. Use A-4 size paper for your responses. Write the question number with each answer. Write on both sides with margin and tie all the pages carefully, course wise.
4. You should write in your own handwriting. Each question to be answered in around 600 words.
5. Last date for submitting the assignments for January 2022 Session is 30th September 2022 and for July 2022 Session is 31st March 2023. However, you are advised to submit as soon as possible.
6. Submit the assignment responses to the Coordinator of the Study Centre and get acknowledgement.

GUIDELINES

1. **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
2. **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question
3. **Make sure that your answer:**
 - a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
4. **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

Please contact the following course coordinators for any academic help / clarification

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ASSIGNMENT – 1
Introduction to Urban Development

Course Code: MEDS-41
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.

1. Explain the trends of urbanization in developed and developing countries. Describe four major issues and challenges of urbanization.
2. Describe the concepts new urbanism and just city with suitable examples.
3. Explain the process of fiscal decentralization in India.
4. What is a city region? Briefly explain various types of city regions.
5. Explain the objectives and importance of public private partnership. What are its advantages and disadvantages?

ASSIGNMENT – 2
Issues and Challenges in Urban Planning and Development

Course Code: MEDS-42
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.

1. What do understand by “urban paradox”? Illustrate the concept from the perspective of urban crime and health problem?
2. Discuss the role of urban industrialization on urban development. Explain role of FDI on urban industrialization.
3. What are the issues and challenges of urban law and order? What revitalization measures need to be taken to improve law and order?
4. Distinguish between urban informal sector and informal settlements. What are the causes of formation of informal settlements in urban areas?
5. What is the nexus between energy and development? What measures need to be taken for sustainable energy promotion?

ASSIGNMENT – 3
Dynamics of Urban Planning and Development

Course Code: MEDS-43

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.

1. What is sustainable development? Explain various indicators of sustainable development.

2. Explain key features of urban development policy of Brazil and South Africa.
3. Critically explain state level community participation law and public disclosure law.
4. What are various sources of municipal revenue? Describe various mechanisms to improve municipal revenue.
5. What is disaster management? Explain various standards in disaster management.

ASSIGNMENT – 4
Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects and Programmes

Course Code: MEDS-44
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.

1. What are basic elements of project management? Explain various technique of project management.
2. Explain meaning and features of evaluation. Describe two important approaches to evaluation.
3. Distinguish between monitoring and evaluation. Explain various tools and techniques of monitoring.
4. Define sampling? Discuss two methods of probability sampling with suitable examples.
5. What are various types of data? Explain process of tabulation and interpretation of data.

ASSIGNMENT – 5
Development: Issues and Perspectives

Course Code: MEDSE-46
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.

1. Explain the vicious circle of poverty? What measures have to be taken to control poverty in the developing countries?
2. Discuss the role of infrastructure in development. Describe how to measure infrastructural development of a nation state.
3. How to formulate Gender Development Index? Describe various gender adversaries and what measures to be taken to overcome gender adversaries.
4. Distinguish between sustainable agriculture and inclusive agriculture. Describe two important agricultural reforms undertaken in India for agricultural development.
5. What is social development and what are various indicators of social development? Discuss social dynamics of development.