

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP and PGCAPOL)**

**Assignments for**

**January 2023  
and  
July 2023 Sessions**



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**Dear Students,**

As you are aware that the weightage for the term-end examination will be 75 percent and the weightage for the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 percent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total of four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have a weightage of 25 % of total marks.

**Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. First of all, read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that you may read additional materials available in your study center or any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.: .....  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Course Code: .....  
Course Title: .....  
Study Centre: .....  
(Name and Code)  
Date: .....

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom, and left of your answer sheet
5. Indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. ODL learners have to be sent the assignments to the Programme Coordinator of your study center. The Online learners have to submit assignments in the PGCAPOL LMS.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

## **Assignment -1**

**Course Code: MNR-001**

**Course Title: Indian Agricultural Development**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**(5x10=50)**

1. Describe the status and development of agriculture during the pre-historic era.
2. Discuss the importance of agriculture in the Indian Economy.
3. Prepare the land use pattern and land holding distribution of your region/state.
4. Describe the size and composition of agricultural labour in India.
5. Discuss the agricultural credit structure and flow of agricultural credit in the country.
6. What is capital formation? Explain how capital formation helps in the growth of the agriculture sector.
7. What are the sub-systems linked with agricultural development? Explain the importance of these sub-systems.
8. What do you understand by diversification? Explain the scope of agricultural diversification in your home state.

## **Assignment -2**

**Course Code: MNR-002**

**Course Title: Agriculture Policy: Formulation, Components, Implementation, and Comparative Analysis**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks. (5x10=50)**

1. Explain the meaning of the term 'Policy'. Explain the linkage between policy and planning.
2. What is meant by participation? Explain the importance of participation for a successful policy formulation.
3. Discuss the important components covered in the National Agricultural Policy (NAP)?
4. What are different measures adopted in India to improve agricultural marketing in the country?
5. What is meant by the policy impact assessment? Discuss the important tools for impact assessment.
6. Discuss the salient features of rural development programmes implemented in developing countries.
7. What are the latest developments in the agriculture policy of the United State of America? Explain in Brief.
8. Discuss the role of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in international agricultural development.

### **Assignment -3**

**Course Code: MNRE-015**

**Course Title: Cooperatives and Farmers' Organizations**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks. (5x10=50)**

1. What do you understand by the Cooperatives? Explain the role of cooperatives in economic development.
2. Explain the formation, functioning, and structure of any two successful cooperatives in agriculture in India.
3. Explain the power and functions of the Register of Cooperatives.
4. Explain the impact of economic liberalization on cooperatives.
5. Explain the philosophy and approach of participatory development.
6. Discuss the concept of the Self-Help Group (SHG). Enumerate the characteristics and advantages of SHGs.
7. What do you mean by Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)? Write your view about the role of NGOs in rural development.
8. Discuss the various policy-making bodies related to cooperatives and farmers' organizations in India.

**Assignment -4**  
**Course Code: MNRE-016**  
**Course Title: Project Analysis**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks. (5x10=50)**

1. Discuss the significance of the project in the economic development of a country.
2. Discuss the areas /aspects to be covered in the projects to improve the socio-economic condition of disadvantaged groups.
3. Explain the marginal value product and opportunity costs. What is the working rule for determining a market price for the agricultural project output?
4. Discuss the different approaches to project evaluation.
5. What is meant by the financial ratios? Explain their use in judging the financial soundness of an enterprise.
6. What is the concept of economic values? How to adjust financial prices to economic value?
7. What do you understand by Gross Domestic Product (GDP)? Describe the difficulties in measuring domestic product.
8. Define discounted measures of project worth. Explain the circumstances under which sensitivity analysis is used.