

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP and PGCAPOL)

Assignments for

**January 2024
and
July 2024 Sessions**



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Dear Students,

As you are aware, the weightage for the term-end examination will be 75 per cent and the weightage for the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. 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 read additional materials available in your study centre 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:
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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 send the assignments to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre. 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. Discuss the socio-economic status and role of farmers in ancient India.
2. Explain the production and productivity trend in Indian agriculture.
3. What are the major cropping patterns followed in India? Explain the factors determining the cropping patterns.
4. Define agricultural labour. Explain the growth and characteristics of Agricultural labour in India.
5. What is a public distribution system (PDS)? Explain the shortcomings and measures taken to strengthen the PDS.
6. Explain the importance of agriculture extension. Discuss the various extension programmes implemented in India.
7. Discuss the cost concepts considered in determining the support prices in India.
8. Explain the features and importance of the rural industries.

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 concept and instruments of agricultural policy.
2. Discuss the basic ingredients of agricultural policy formulation.
3. What is meant by the policy monitoring and evaluation? Explain the tools of policy monitoring and evaluation.
4. Explain the importance of participation in policy formulation. Explain any one successful example of participation in policy formulation.
5. Discuss the salient features and components of the national agricultural policy.
6. What are different interventions introduced in the pricing of agricultural commodities in India?
7. Discuss the flow of institutional credit in agriculture in India. Also, discuss the measures adopted to enhance credit flow in agriculture.
8. Explain the features of the agricultural policy of the European Union (EU).

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. Discuss the growth of the cooperative movement in India.
2. What do you understand by credit societies? Discuss the structure of credit societies in India.
3. Explain the “democratic member control” principle of cooperatives.
4. Explain the structure and functions of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED).
5. Discuss the system and devices of monitoring cooperatives.
6. Describe the philosophy and key paradigm of participatory development.
7. What do you understand by the GOs-NGOs collaboration? Explain Obstacles to successful GO- NGO collaboration.
8. Discuss in brief various policy-making bodies related to cooperatives and farmers' organisations.

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. What do you mean by a project? Explain the significance of the project.
2. Discuss the aspects considered in the project planning and implementation cycle.
3. Explain the relevance of objectives in the costs and benefits assessment of projects.
4. Explain the approach to be followed to value a project output which is an intermediate good and also discuss other problems in finding market prices of agricultural project outputs and inputs.
5. Discuss the important guidelines for preparing farm investment analysis.
6. Explain the elements of the balance sheet and the standard format in which they are arranged.
7. Discuss the method of valuation of intangible costs and benefits.
8. Differentiate between undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth.
What different undiscounted measures of project worth