

MPA

M.A. (Public Administration)

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Assignments

(For M.A. 2nd Year Courses)

For July 2021 and January 2022 Session



Faculty of Public Administration

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M.A. 2nd Year (Public Administration)

Dear Student,

As a requirement of the Programme, you will have to do one Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you answer the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You are to submit the assignments to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it with you. It is desirable to keep with you a photocopy of the assignments submitted by you.

Once evaluated, the Study Centre will return the assignments to you. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will send the marks to the SE Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Submission:

Note: This booklet contains Assignments of all the four courses offered in M.A. 1st year. You are requested to submit the same within the below mentioned stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Assignment Number	Date of Submission	Whom to send
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) of MPA-015, MPA-016, MPA-017, MPA-018, MSO-002 and MPS-003	March 31, 2022 for July 2021 Session September 30, 2022 for January 2022 Session	To The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENTS

We expect you to answer each question as per instructions in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent
 - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs
 - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. **It is mandatory to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting.** If you so desire, you may underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

Prof. Alka Dhameja
PROGRAMME COORDINATOR
M.A. (Public Administration)

MPA-015: PUBLIC POLICY AND ANALYSIS
Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-015
Assignment Code: MPA-15/Asst/TMA/July 2021- January 2022
Marks: 100

This assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Discuss the significance of policy sciences and highlight its relevance to public policy in the contemporary context. 20
- 2) Examine the rational policy-making model. 20
- 3) Describe the current paradigm shift in Indian public policy by highlighting the constraints in public policy formulation. 20
- 4) “Civil society is playing an important role in policy-making.” Examine. 20
- 5) Describe the role of various implementing agencies in policy delivery. 20

SECTION-II

- 6) What are the various types of problems in policy implementation? Justify the need for following multiple approaches in the study of policy implementation. 20
- 7) How simulation models are more appropriate than optimisation models? 20
- 8) Explain the methods and techniques in policy analysis. 20
- 9) Describe the methods of policy evaluation. 20
- 10) Discuss the disinvestment policy and highlight its impact at the state level. 20

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-016
Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/July 2021- January 2022
Marks: 100

This Assignment consists of Section- I and Section- II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Discuss the evolution and significance of democratic decentralisation in India. 20
- 2) Explain the concept of empowerment by highlighting the problems in achieving empowerment. 20
- 3) Describe the politico-administrative components of decentralisation and suggest necessary measures to strengthen them. 20
- 4) Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in the health sector. 20
- 5) “Owing to the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, municipalities are functioning as effective institutions of local self-governance at the grassroots level”. Comment. 20

SECTION-II

- 6) Discuss the impact of decentralised development. 20
- 7) Explain the term institutional capacity building and suggest ways for capacity building of elected representatives. 20
- 8) What are the different requirements in development planning? 20
- 9) Examine the structure, powers and functions of local government. 20
- 10) Write short notes on the following in 250 words each:
 - a) Modalities for people’s participation. 10
 - b) Sustainable development and governance. 10

**MPA-017: E-Governance
Assignment (TMA)**

**Course Code: MPA-017
Assignment Code: MPA-17/Asst./TMA/ July 2021- January 2022
Maximum Marks: 50**

This assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 400 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each Section. Each question carries 10 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Define e-governance and the legal and policy framework of ICT and e-governance in India. 10
- 2) Explain the various components of ICT, namely computer hardware, computer software, Local Area Network, Wide Area Network, and satellite. 10
- 3) Examine the role of ICT in administration. 10
- 4) 'Administrative culture has to be e-governance compatible.' Discuss. 10
- 5) Elucidate the role played by ICT in the modernization of agricultural sector and in women empowerment. 10

SECTION-II

- 6) Describe the need and importance of ICT intervention in local governance. Also, mention in detail the application areas of ICT in PRIs. 10
- 7) Write a note on the concept and significance of e-learning. Also highlight virtual learning environment. 10
- 8) Elaborate upon the benefits and limitations of e-commerce. Also, describe electronic payments. 10
- 9) Write a note on ICT applications in Indian Railways. 10
- 10) Detail out the various services offered through e-seva project. 10

MPA-018: DISASTER MANAGEMENT
Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-018
Assignment Code: MPA-18/Asst/TMA/July2021- January 2022
Marks: 50

This assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 400 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 10 marks.

SECTION-I

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| 1) Define disaster and give an overview of natural disasters in India. | 10 |
| 2) Briefly discuss various stages in disaster cycle. | 10 |
| 3) Examine major trends in disaster management. | 10 |
| 4) 'Risk sharing and transfer pave the way for building disaster resilience'. Discuss. | 10 |
| 5) Write a note on Community based Disaster Management (CBDM). | 10 |

SECTION-II

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| 6) Explain various rescue methods. | 10 |
| 7) Evaluate the guiding principles for shelter provisions. | 10 |
| 8) Write a note on Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). | 10 |
| 9) Define the rationale of 'First Response' and discuss the role of people as First Responders. | 10 |
| 10) Analyse the relationship between disasters and development. | 10 |

**MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Course Code: MSO-002
Assignment Code: MSO-002/AST/TMA/ July2021- January 2022
Marks: 100**

Answer questions from both the sections.

Section –A

Answer any *two* of the following questions

1. What is empiricism? Discuss with reference to the contribution of David Hume. 25
2. What is ethnography? In what way does it differ from survey research? 25
3. Critically examine the nature and scope of comparative method in social science research. 25
4. Discuss the participatory approach to social research. 25
5. Explain the historical method of research in social sciences. 25

Section-B

Write a research report on any *one* of the following topics in about 3000 words.

1. Role of the State in a pandemic situation. 50
2. Role of youth in contemporary Indian society. 50
3. Significance of online education in India. 50

You can write this report based either on review of literature, or data collected from the primary sources. For review of literature you are to select either two books or four research articles published recently on the selected topic of your choice. Write a review article focusing on the location of the study, methodology followed and the main findings of these studies.

For the primary source you are to collect two case studies and write a report on the selected topic in a comparative framework. While writing the report spell out clearly the objectives and the problems of the study and

- problematise the issue within the existing/available literature,
- elaborate your observations, finding and conclusion coherently, and
- make proper referencing at the end.

INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/ July2021- January 2022
Marks: 100

Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss how democracy and development are co-related to each other. 20
2. Analyse the working of the federal system in India. 20
3. Discuss the significance of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments in Indian democracy. 20
4. Critically analyse the functioning of parliamentary democracy in India. 20
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The Naxalbari Peasant Uprising 10
 - b) Indicators of Human Development 10

SECTION-II

6. Critically examine the impact of the new economic policy on working class in India. 20
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Caste in Indian Democracy 10
 - b) Gender and Development 10
8. Discuss the Factors for the growth of regionalism in India. 20
9. Explain the role of media in Indian democracy. 20
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Economic Consequences of Migration 10
 - b) Identity Politics in India 10