

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**(For January 2021 and
July 2021 Sessions)**

**Certificate in Organic Farming
(COF)**



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Dear Learners,

As you are aware that for theory, the weightage to the term-end examination will be 80% and the weightage to the continuous assessment will be 20%. The continuous assessment is in form of assignments. There is one assignment for each course i.e. total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 20% of theory. Instructions to format your assignments are as follows:

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

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

Enrollment no:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Course Code:.....

Course Title:.....

Study Centre:.....

Date:.....

(Name and Code)

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4 cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet.
5. Clearly indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission (For January, 2021)	Last date of submission (For July, 2021)
Assignment 1 (BAP-001)	30 th April, 2021	15 th September, 2021
Assignment 2 (BAPI-001)	(Before submission of TEE	(Before submission of
Assignment 3 (BAPI-002) &	Form)	TEE Form)
Assignment 4 (BAPI-003)		

6. Assignments have to be sent to the coordinator of your study centre. You can submit all your assignments before submission of exam form for Term-End-Examination (TEE). Assignment should be submitted before the submission of TEE Form as per the University schedule. However, with late fee assignment can be submitted till last day of the submission TEE form.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck!

Assignment - 1
Course Code: BAP-001
Course Title: Introduction to Organic Farming

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. What in the base of Organic Farming? Explain with the help of concepts of organic farming and “Farm as an Organism”. 10
- Q.2. Explain the recommended farming practices on an organic farm. 10
- Q.3. How participatory organic certification is helpful in promotions of organic farming in our country? Explain with relevant examples. 10
- Q.4. (a) Explain the significance of International Organic Standards in Indian context. 05
(b) Discuss the National Standards for Organic Farming (NSOF). 05
- Q.5. Describe the present system of marketing of organic produce with suitable examples. 10
Recently launched govt. schemes are helpful or not, explain in your words.

Assignment - 2
Course Code: BAPI-001
Course Title: Organic Production System

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Describe the characteristics of Bio-fertilizers and their types. How Bio-fertilizers are different than organic manures? Explain. 10
- Q.2. Write about the land preparation of cereals, oilseed and pulse crops with suitable examples. 10
- Q.3. Discuss about the suitable layout of an organic farm. Please explain with the help of an appropriate sketch. 10
- Q.4. Discuss water management in organic farming. 10
- Q.5. Explain the process of liquid manure preparation and its uses in an organic farm. How they are superior than the solid manures? 10

Assignment - 3
Course Code: BAPI-002
Course Title: Inspection and certification of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. What do you mean by Participatory Group Certification (PGC)? How it is helpful in promotion of organic farming in our country? 10
- Q.2. What do you mean by certificate of conformity? Discuss about various certificates. 10
- Q.3. Draw India Organic Logo. Also describe the terms and conditions of its uses. 10
- Q.4. What are the benefits of certification of organic food products? Explain with example. Also discuss the identification characteristics of a certified organic products. 10
- Q.5. Please discuss the Accreditation process and evaluation of certification bodies with suitable examples. 10

Assignment - 4
Course Code: BAPI-003
Course Title: Economics and Marketing of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Give an updated status of organic market structure at national and international levels. Discuss limitations of domestic organic marketing system. 10
- Q.2. Organic farming is considered as profitable form of farming. Please explain your opinion with suitable examples. 10
- Q.3. What do you mean by economics of organic farming? How it is assured? Give detail. 10
- Q.4. Explain various marketing systems for organic food products in this country. 10
- Q.5. Why the consumers favour organic food products? Enlist the demand drivers for sale of organic produce. 10