

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

**Assignments for
January 2011
and
July 2011 Sessions**



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Dear Student,

As you are aware that the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75% and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25%. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 25 % of the 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 centre or in 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 4 cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet
5. Clearly indicate question number and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission	
	January, 2011 session	July, 2011 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	28 th February, 2011	31 st August, 2011
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	31 st March, 2011	30 th September, 2011
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	15 th April, 2011	15 th October, 2011
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	31 st May, 2011	30 th October, 2011

6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
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.

1. Explain the role of agriculture in the development of Indian Economy. Also discuss the growth of Indian agriculture after Independence. 10
2. Discuss briefly the cultivation practices (Pre-sowing, plant protection and harvesting and threshing) followed by the traditional farming community. 10
3. What are the various land reforms undertaken in India to enhance the productivity? Briefly describe each of them. 10
4. Describe the size, composition and occupational distribution of labour force in India. 10
5. (a) Explain the meaning and growth of Micro-Finance initiatives in India. 5
(b) Explain meaning and importance of public distribution system. 5
6. (a) What is Cooperative Marketing? Discuss the types of cooperative marketing societies. 5
(b) Briefly explain major research projects of Indian Council of Agricultural Research presently in operation. 5
7. What do you mean by price parity? Explain the different forms of price parity. 10
8. Explain the importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in agricultural development. 10

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.

1. Define the terms 'Policy' and 'Agricultural Policy'. Write the major policy objectives in the context of Indian Agriculture. 10
2. (a) Briefly explain the important components of agricultural policy. 5
(b) What is meant by the process of policy formulation? Enlist the basic ingredient of policy formulation. 5
3. Explain the meaning, concept and importance of policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation. 10
4. (a) What is governance? Explain the importance of good governance. 5
(b) What do you understand by policy failure in agriculture? Explain with help of examples. 5
5. Discuss the salient features of National Agricultural Policy and National Policy on Farmers. 10
6. Explain in brief the progress and effectiveness of Rural Financial Institutions in India. 10
7. What is the contribution of farm sector in the development of non-farm sectors? Briefly describe. 10
8. Explain briefly the latest developments in US Agricultural policy. 10

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.

1. Define the concept of Cooperatives? Discuss the development of Cooperatives in India. 10
2. Describe the any four important principles of Cooperatives. 10
3. Discuss on functioning and progress of any two Cooperatives: 2 x 5=10
 - (a) IFFCO
 - (b) KRIBHCO
 - (c) NAFED
4. Explain the following:
 - (a) Cooperative laws 5
 - (b) Impact of Economic Liberalization on Cooperatives 5
5. (a) Explain the importance of people's participation in agricultural and rural development. 5
 - (b) Briefly explain the meaning of SHGs and their importance in rural development. 5
6. What is meant by the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)? Briefly explain PRA techniques. 10
7. (a) Define Non-Government Organizations (NGO)? Discuss the work done by any one NGO in rural development. 5
 - (b) Explain the role of National Cooperative Union of India in development of Cooperatives. 5

Assignment -4
Course Code: MNRE-016
Course title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What is a Project? Explain the significance and scope of the project. 10
2. Discuss various types of projects with examples. 10
3. Explain the role of objectives in costs and benefits assessments. Also explain the approaches of project evaluation. 10
4. (a) Explain how to deal the situation of change in future relationship in different prices and problem of inflation in valuating project costs and benefits. 5
 - (b) What do you understand by export and import price parity? 5
5. What are the important objectives of Farm Investment Analysis? Enlist the important elements of Farm Investment Analysis. 10
6. Discuss the following:
 - (a) Concept of Economic Value 5
 - (b) Estimation of GDP 5
7. Explain discounted measures of project worth using hypothetical data. 10