

M.A.(RD)

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

Assignments (July 2015/January 2016 Session) MA (RD) – First Year



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MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

ASSIGNMENTS 2015/2016 For MRD-101, MRD-102, MRD-103 & MRD-004

Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRD-101/AST/TMA-1/2015-16	For July 2015 Session 31st March, 2016	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
MRD-102/AST/TMA-2/2015-16	For January 2016 Session 30th September, 2016	
MRD-103/AST/TMA-3/2015-16		
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2015-16		

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A.(RD) you will have to do one assignment in each course of 6 credits. Last date of submission for all the assignments is mentioned above but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of particular course and submit them so that you may get back the grades marks and comments of the counselor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments.

PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS FROM PROGRAMME GUIDE.

Course Code : **MRD-101**
Course Title : **Rural Development : Indian Context**
Assignment No. : **MRD-101/AST/TMA-1/2015/2016**

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any **One** of the following:

1. What do you mean by development? Describe major issues involved in it.
2. Critically analyze the agrarian movements arising out of capitalistic contradictions.
3. Discuss in brief the role of credit in rural development in the context of organized banking and rural credit.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 15 each

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Describe important features of Green Revolution.
2. Explain important measures initiated for tenancy reforms in India
3. Discuss in brief the salient features of The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 6 each

Write short notes on any **Five** of the following:

1. Characteristics of Social Change
2. Cultural Empowerment
3. Principles of Cooperation
4. District Planning Committee
5. Agricultural Extension
6. Gramdan
7. Integrated Rural Development
8. Community Development Programme

Course Code : **MRD-102**
Course Title : **Rural Development Programmes**
Assignment No. : **MRD-102/AST/TMA-2/2015/2016**

Course Code: MRD-103 Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 40

Attempt any **One** of the following:

1. Describe approaches to poverty alleviation and impact of its programme in India.
2. Discuss in brief the important features of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY).
3. Explain the significance of Science and Technology for rural development.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 15 each

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Explain in brief the evolution of self help groups.
2. Discuss the role of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) in the promotion of social justice.
3. Describe the role of energy in the development of rural areas.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 6 each

Write short notes on any **Five** of the following:

1. Impact of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)
2. National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)
3. Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)
4. Family Welfare Services
5. Steps involved in Watershed Development
6. NABARD
7. Minimum and Basic Needs
8. DWCRA

Course Code : **MRD-103**
Course Title : **Rural Development – Planning and Management**
Assignment No. : **MRD-103/AST/TMA-3/2015/2016**

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any **One** of the following:

1. What do you mean by decentralized planning? Elaborate the multi-level structure of planning.
2. Critically examine the technical feasibility of a project.
3. Define social action. Highlight the various strategies of social action.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Describe the nature and scope of voluntary agency.
2. Explain in brief the implementation phases of rural development project.
3. Discuss the rural development planning in India.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks : 6 each

Write short notes on any **Five** of the following:

1. Integrated Rural Development Approach
2. Scope of District Planning
3. Detailed Project Report (DPR)
4. Cash Flow Statement
5. Activity Planning
6. Credit Delivery System
7. Problems of Voluntary Organisations
8. Staff Development

Course Code : **MRD-004**
Course Title : **Research Methods in Rural Development**
Assignment No. : **MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2015/2016**

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any **One** of the following:

1. How to prepare a research proposal? Discuss with suitable example.
2. What are the main steps of descriptive research? Briefly explain the various types of descriptive research.
3. Discuss the various methods of sampling in rural development research.

Medium Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Discuss the main body of report writing in rural development research.
2. Describe in brief the types, characteristics, uses and limitations of questionnaire.
3. What are the main steps of case study? Highlight its scientific nature in rural development research.

Short Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Write short notes on any **Five** of the following:

1. Research Design
2. Scope of Research in Rural Development
3. Approaches in Critical Social Research
4. Stages of Action Research
5. Attitude Scale
6. Quantitative Data
7. Uses of Computer in Data Processing and Tabulation
8. Naturalistic Inquiry