

M.A.(RD)

# **Master of Arts (Rural Development)**

## **Assignments (July 2020/January 2021 Session) MA (RD) – First Year**



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## MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

### ASSIGNMENTS 2020-21 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-1/2020-21	For July 2020 Session	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
MRD-102/AST/TMA-2/2020-21	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021	
MRD-103/AST/TMA-3/2020-21	For January 2021 Session	
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2020-21	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021	

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 mention 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 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-1/2020-21

**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. Why are rural development strategies necessary to achieve the goals of rural development? Discuss important rural development strategies.
2. What do you mean by tenancy reforms? Describe the main aspects of tenancy reforms.
3. What are the essential ingredients of empowerment? Explain the steps taken for economic empowerment of rural poor.

**Medium Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 15 each**

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Describe the main aspects of jajmani system.
2. What do you understand by green revolution? Discuss briefly its impact on yield, income and employment.
3. Explain the salient features of the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996.

**Short Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 6 each**

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

1. Sample Surveys
2. Cropping Pattern
3. Consolidation of Holdings
4. Persuasive Extension
5. District Planning Committee
6. Micro Credit
7. Group Communication
8. Demonstration

**Course Code** : **MRD-102**  
**Course Title** : **Rural Development Programmes**  
**Assignment No.** : **MRD-102/AST/TMA-2/2020-21**

**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 understand by concept of minimum needs? Analyse the main components of Minimum Needs Programme (MNP).
2. What are the objectives of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK)? Describe the important promotional and innovative schemes of RMK.
3. Why is a National Policy on Education (NPE) necessary? Examine the impact of NPE-1986 on education system in India.

### **Medium Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 15 each**

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Discuss the main aspects of micro-credit initiative of NABARD.
2. Why was National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) introduced? Describe the important schemes implemented under NSAP.
3. What do you understand by Village eco-development? Describe.

### **Short Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 6 each**

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

1. Rural Electrification
2. TRYSEM
3. Objectives of SGRY
4. Regional Food Security
5. Revolving Fund Scheme
6. Watershed Approach
7. Agro Forestry
8. Rural Industries Programmes

**Course Code** : **MRD-103**  
**Course Title** : **Rural Development – Planning and Management**  
**Assignment No.** : **MRD-103/AST/TMA-3/2020-21**

**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. Discuss in detail the planning process at the block level.
2. What is meant by monitoring? Discuss the process of developing a good monitoring information system.
3. What do you understand by the concept of 'voluntary effort'? Compare the main features of VOs and NGOs.

**Medium Answer Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 15 each**

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. Discuss the main concerns of project evaluation.
2. Describe the nature of the planning machinery at the state level.
3. Discuss the key factors which influence working with a community.

**Short Answer Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 6 each**

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

1. Perspective Planning
2. Budget
3. Financing of Village Development Plans
4. Concurrent and Terminal Evaluation
5. CAPART
6. Self-Help Groups
7. Mahila Mukti Morcha
8. Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976

**Course Code** : **MRD-004**  
**Course Title** : **Research Methods in Rural Development**  
**Assignment No.** : **MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2020-21**

**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. What is the importance of hypothesis in rural development research? Describe the formulation and testing of hypothesis with suitable examples.
2. What are the concepts and types of evaluation research? Discuss.
3. What do you understand by tools of data collection? Discuss in brief, "questionnaire and interview schedule as methods of data collection".

### **Medium Answer Questions**

**Maximum Marks: 15 each**

Attempt any **Two** of the following:

1. How does a researcher formulate the research problem? Discuss.
2. What do you understand by selection of sample? Describe.
3. Discuss in brief univariate analysis and bivariate analysis with suitable examples.

### **Short Answer Questions**

**Maximum Marks : 6 each**

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

1. Review of Literature
2. Characteristics of Case Study Method
3. Scope of Research in Rural Development
4. Empirical Research Process
5. Observation
6. Multivariate Analysis
7. Documents as a Source of Data Collection
8. Rating Scale