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Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

**Second Year
M.A. Sociology**

**Assignment for students admitted in July 2020 and
January 2021 sessions**

Assignment for the Elective Courses:

- MSOE-001: Sociology of Education
- MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities
- MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion
- MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
- MPS-003: India: Democracy and Development
- MPA-016: Decentralization and Local Governance



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ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment TMAs) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words.**

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2020 Batch	31 st March, 2021	To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For students admitted in January 2021 Batch	30 th September, 2021	

You must **obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it.** If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Some Tips for Doing Assignments

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind while doing the assignments:

- 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) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underlining the points you with to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-001: Sociology of Education
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%**

**Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-001
Assignment Code: MSOE-001/AST/TMA/2020-2021**

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Critically discuss the role of education in building national identity and citizenship. 20
2. Outline main factors that influence educational curriculum. 20
3. 'Innovation in education at grass-roots seek to generate social awareness, self-transformation and creativity'. Discuss with reference to relevant examples. 20
4. Critically discuss issues of access, retention, and performance of students who avail policies of positive discrimination. 20
5. Explain the sociological perspective on education. 20

Section-II

6. What is multicultural education? Discuss its significance in contemporary times. 20
7. Critically discuss the role of distance education in teacher training at primary level. 20
8. Explain the role of education in knowledge economy. 20
9. Discuss the state of education in SAARC countries with the help of suitable examples. 20
10. What do you understand by 'Open and Distance Learning' (ODL)? Outline the emergent models of ODL. 20

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-002
Assignment Code: MSOE-002/AST/TMA/2020-2021

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

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| 1. Briefly examine the nature of Jewish diaspora. | 20 |
| 2. Describe the migration patterns of Indian Diaspora to Americas in Post-independent India. | 20 |
| 3. Elaborate on the nature of Indian diaspora in South East Asia. | 20 |
| 4. Write note on the historical contexts of Indian emigration during colonial times. | 20 |

Section-II

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| 5. Discuss the role of Bollywood in highlighting the diasporic experiences of Indians abroad. | 20 |
| 6. Critically evaluate the evolving Indian state policies for the Indians overseas. | 20 |
| 7. Examine the transnational socio-cultural linkages between Indian diasporic communities. | 20 |
| 8. Bring out the relationship between nationalism and transnationalism. | 20 |

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%**

**Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-003
Assignment Code: MSOE-003/AST/TMA/2020-2021**

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Critically the relationship between religion and economy. 20
2. Explain the sociological significance of myth with the help of suitable examples 20
3. Explain the concept of sacrifice of sacrifice with reference to Nuer society. 20
4. Examine the contribution of M N Srinivas to the understanding of religion. 20
5. In what way does Clifford Geertz explain religion? Discuss. 20

Section-II

6. ‘Berger’s concept of religion follows from his understanding of society world-building and world-ordering activity’. Critically discuss. 20
7. Explain the concept of secularism with reference to European experience. 20
8. What is religious conversion? Explain its sociological interpretation. 20
9. Examine the social context of the emergence of Buddhism. 20
10. ‘Totemism is not a reality’. Discuss with reference to the writings of Lèvi-Strauss. 20

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Master's in Sociology
MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-004
Assignment Code: MSOE-004/AST/TMA/2020-21

Maximum Marks: 100

Weightage: 30%

Answer any five question selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

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| 1. Describe the subject matter and scope of urban sociology. | 20 |
| 2. What is the concept of city and how is it identified? Discuss. | 20 |
| 3. Describe the ecological approach towards the understanding of urban areas with suitable examples. | 20 |
| 4. Distinguish between the earlier approach to study urban from the new urban sociology approach. | 20 |

Section-II

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| 5. Describe the pattern of urban growth in cities in India. | 20 |
| 6. Keeping in mind the recent health emergency Covid-19, discuss its impact on organized and unorganized sectors of the Indian economy. | 20 |
| 7. Discuss the nature and impact of mass migration of working classes from cities to rural areas in the context of unemployment. | 20 |
| 8. Describe the role of urban planning in growth of cities in India. | 20 |
| 9. Discuss critically the role of media in urban governance in India. | 20 |

INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT(MPS-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
TMA

Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2020-21

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. Explain how democracy and development are related to each other.
2. Discuss the nature of relationship between police, army and bureaucracy.
3. What are the causes of internal migration? Explain.
4. Discuss the working of federal system in India.
5. Compare the main provisions of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.

SECTION-II

6. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Sustainable Development
 - b) Caste Inequalities
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Media and Democracy
 - b) Ethnic politics
8. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Economic reforms and working class
 - b) The basis of regionalism
9. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Gender and Justice
 - b) Substantive Democracy
10. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Language and politics in India.
 - b) Role of civil society in Indian democracy.

MPA-016: Decentralisation and Local Governance (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-016
Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2020-2021
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, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Explain the political and administrative decentralisation in contemporary scenario. 20
2. Highlight the socio – economic component of decentralistion and suggest necessary measures to strengthen them. 20
3. Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in Education sector. 20
4. “The impact of decentralised development can be observed on political, administrative, functional and financial aspects.” Comment. 20
5. Write short notes in about 250 words on each of the following:
 - a) Role of PRIs as an instrument of social transformation 10
 - b) The Principle of Balance. 10

SECTION-II

6. Discuss the features of 73rdConstitutional Amendment and observations on the Act. 20
7. Describe the rational behind development planning and bring outcomplex issues in urban planning. 20
8. Explain the responsibility of state and local bodies in sustainable development. 20
9. ‘Municipalities are functioning as an effective institution of local self-government in India’. Comment. 20
10. Write a note on the significance of capacity building of local administration for effective democratic decentralisation and local governance. 20