

**OSS-101**

**Bachelor's Preparatory Programme  
(BPP)**

**ASSIGNMENT  
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**Preparatory Course in Social Sciences  
(OSS 101)**



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**Programme Code: BPP**  
**Course Code: OSS-101**  
**Assignment Code: OSS-101/ASST/TMA/2016**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Dear Learner,

You will have to complete one assignment for the Preparatory Course in Social Sciences (OSS-101). The assignment is of 100 marks. It comprises two sections. Section 1 (of 50 marks) comprises questions the answers of which should be written in about 200 words each. It is important that you write answers to all questions in your own words. Section 2 (of 50 marks) comprises multiple choice questions.

Before attempting the questions in the assignment, please read the OSS-101 course material carefully.

#### **Submission**

The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

#### **Schedule**

| <b>Admission Cycle</b>                | <b>Date of Submission</b> | <b>Whom to send</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| For students admitted in January 2016 | <b>31 March, 2016</b>     | To<br>The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you<br>(Do not send your assignment response to any other person) |
| For students admitted in July 2016    | <b>30 September, 2016</b> |   |

## SECTION 1

Maximum Marks: 50

**Answer all the questions in about 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

1. Describe the basic components of social sciences. 10
2. Discuss the transition from Mughal to Colonial state and Society. 10
3. Explain the major social problems in contemporary society of India. 10
4. Discuss in detail the nature of environmental degradation. 10
5. Explain the factors responsible for communalism. 10

## SECTION 2

Maximum Marks: 50

**Note:**

- i) This section has 25 questions. Each question carries two marks. All questions are compulsory.**
- ii) Every question has four alternative answers, of these only one is correct. Select the correct answer.**

1. An economy in which there is free trade of goods and services is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Knowledge economy
  - b) Globalization
  - c) Market Economy
  - d) Urbanization
2. The transition from hunting-gathering man to the agricultural man is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Neolithic revolution
  - b) Paleolithic revolution
  - c) Industrialization
  - d) Globalization
3. Who discovered the 'flying shuttle'?
  - a) James Watson
  - b) John Kay
  - c) John Watson
  - d) George Kay
4. A group of learned people is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Cognition
  - b) Clerisy
  - c) Ulema
  - d) Coersion
5. The spread of power and rule by one country over the political and economic affairs of other countries is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Fascism
  - b) Formation
  - c) Imperialism
  - d) Globalization
6. What is Armada?
  - a) A large group of learned scholars
  - b) A large formation of birds
  - c) A large group of poets
  - d) A large fleet of ships

7. Which period is marked by performance of rituals like Asvamedha, Rajasuya and Vajapeya Yajnas?
- Pre State Formations
  - Transition from Pre-state to State
  - Territorial States to Empire
  - State and Society
8. Lands assigned to nobles in lieu of their services is\_\_\_\_\_.
- Bard
  - Samantas
  - Jajmani
  - Jagirdars
9. British Indian Association was founded in the year\_\_\_\_\_
- 1852
  - 1851
  - 1850
  - 1849
10. \_\_\_\_\_ calls for self governance, self reliance and self employment of people
- Satygraha
  - Revolution
  - Disobedience
  - Swadeshi
11. The Constituent Assembly constituted a Drafting Committee chaired by \_\_\_\_\_ to draw the draft of the Constitution of India
- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
  - Mahatma Gandhi
  - W. C. Bonnerji
  - Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar
12. A body which has power to make laws is called\_\_\_\_\_
- Constitution
  - Preamble
  - Judiciary
  - Legislature
13. The East India Company set up the first School in 1784 at \_\_\_\_\_ where courses were offered in English, Hindi and Tamil
- Bombay
  - Delhi
  - Tanjore
  - Daman

14. The term 'ethnic' is derived from the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ethions
  - Ethnos
  - Ethons
  - Ethinions
15. The Constituent Assembly adopted Rabindranath Tagore's Song Jana Gana Mana as the national anthem on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1950
  - 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947
  - 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1950
  - 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1950
16. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of change brought about by the impact of foreign culture, media and technological changes.
- Globalization
  - Pollution
  - Governance
  - Nationalism
17. Khasis of North Eastern India are an example of \_\_\_\_\_ system
- Patrilineal system
  - Matrilineal system
  - Mahalwari system
  - Ryotwari System
18. A legal system in which the rules are clear and fairly enforced and everyone is equal before the law is called \_\_\_\_\_
- Rule of right
  - Rule of Duty
  - Rule of Law
  - Rule of Society
19. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to all activities that are 'land or animal centered'.
- Primary Sector
  - Secondary Sector
  - Tertiary Sector
  - None of the Above
20. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the total national income of the country divided by its total population.
- Per Labour Income
  - Per Capital Income
  - Per Capita Income
  - Per Growth Income

21. The number of years that an individual is expected to remain alive is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Poverty line
  - b) Savings
  - c) Gross Domestic Product
  - d) Life expectancy
22. Solid wastes such as leaves, wood, cloth etc. that get decomposed by bacteria present in land are termed as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Biodegradable
  - b) Non-biodegradable
  - c) Ecosystem
  - d) Greenhouse effect
23. A system of commodity production for sale, exchange and profit is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Poverty line
  - b) Capitalism
  - c) Savings
  - d) Gross Domestic Product
24. What is Sex Composition?
- a) Number of years, on an average, a new born child can hope to live.
  - b) The proportion of males and females in total population.
  - c) The proportion of males and females living per sq. km of area.
  - d) Number of births per 1000 population during a year
25. Reconstruction (Perestroika) of the Soviet Economy was initiated by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Boris Yeltsin
  - b) Mikhail Gorbachev
  - c) Mikhail Salvic
  - d) Boris Kulke