

BPAC-112

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASSIGNMENT

January 2022

COURSE CODE: BPAC 112

RURAL LOCAL GOVERNANCE



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage, while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

This assignment is for students enrolled in this Course in January 2022.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the Core Course **BPAC- 112 Rural Local Governance**, which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs, whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment 1 has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Assignment II has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or clear understanding of the concepts and processes.

Assignment III has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Submission of the completed assignments:

Admission batch	Last date of Submission	Place of submission
For the students enrolled in January 2022	31 st October, 2022	Coordinator of the student's study center

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 Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 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) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.
Make sure that your answer:
 - a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
 - c) is written correctly considering your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

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BPAC-112 RURAL LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Tutor Marked Assignments

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Total Marks: 100

Assignment I

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each.

1. Examine the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Service Delivery. 20
2. Enumerate the major objectives and highlight the significant steps in preparation of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan. 20

Assignment II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. Discuss the evolution of Local Governance in India. 10
4. “The State Election Commission is playing an effective role in the Panchayat elections in rural India”. Comment. 10
5. Explain the significance of rights-based approach to rural development for the welfare of citizens. 10

Assignment III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

6. What are the potential sources of revenue of the Rural Local Government? 6
7. “The Gram Panchayat has a primary role to play in the socio-economic development of the Panchayat area”. Discuss. 6
8. What are the salient features of the Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Act, 1992? 6
9. Highlight the role of elected representatives in development on the basis of Sonapur Gram Panchayat, Kamrup District. 6
10. “E-Governance and ICT tools are challenged by the digital divide but, they have the potential to bridge the gap”. Elucidate. 6