

BPSC 112

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS
(BAPSH)**

ASSIGNMENT 2022-23

BPSC -112: INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT –I



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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation in 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.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BPSC 112 Indian Political Thought –I**, which is a six credit course.

Assignment One 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 understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment Two 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 clearly understand concepts and processes.

Assignment Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and 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 particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

| Session | Last Date of Submission | Whom to submit |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| July 2022 Session | April 30, 2023 | The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you |
| January 2023 Session | October 31, 2023 | |

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will 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.

Wishing you all the best, Faculty of Political Science.

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Course code: BPSC-112

Assignment Code: BPSC-112/ASST/TMA/2022-23

Marks: 100

There are three Sections in the Assignment. You have to answer all questions in the Sections.

Assignment - I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Trace the basic concepts of the Brahmanic tradition. 20
2. Examine the limitations of the Sramanic tradition. 20

Assignment - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

1. Write a note on the Islamic traditions in Indian thought. 10
2. Trace the impact of the Bhakti tradition. 10
3. Elaborate upon Ved Vyas and ‘Mahabharat’. 10

Assignment - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

1. Describe ‘Rajdharma’. 6
2. Discuss Kautilya’s views on the state. 6
3. Trace the idea of chakravartin and the state as an instrument of Dhamma. 6
4. What is the theory of kingship as propounded by Zia-ul-Barni? Elaborate. 6
5. Examine Abul Fazal’s views on sovereignty and social contract. 6