

BPAE-141

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT

**For the students enrolled in
July 2024 and January 2025 sessions**

COURSECODE: BPAE-141

RIGHT TO INFORMATION



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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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.

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 discipline specific elective course **BPAE - 141 Right to Information**, 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 A 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 B 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 C 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 carefully read the instructions 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.

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 July 2024	30 th April 2025	Coordinator of the student's Study Center
For the students enrolled in January 2025	31 st October 2025	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the submitted assignments 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 giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining 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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Tutor Marked Assignments

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Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/July 2024 & January 2025

Total Marks: 100

Assignment I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. What measures have been taken by the Government of India for making the RTI Rules, 2012 more effective? 20
2. Analyse the powers and functions of Central Information Commission to receive complaints and impose penalties. 20

Assignment II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. What is proactive disclosure under the RTI Act, 2005? Highlight the grounds on which information can be refused under the RTI Act, 2005. 10
4. Discuss the term of Office and Service conditions of the members of State Information Commission. In this regard what changes have been brought by the RTI (Amendment) Act and Rules of 2019? 10
5. Discuss the major challenges before Public Authorities. 10

Assignment III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

6. Analyse the role of media in facilitating the right to information. 6
7. Explain the meaning and concept of transparency and rule of law. 6
8. Highlight the constraints in implementation of the RTI Act at the district level. 6
9. Discuss the origin of right to information in India. 6
10. Explain the innovative practices that may be replicated in other states and measures for conducting effective Social Audit. 6