

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**(For January 2023 and
July 2023 Sessions)**

**Certificate in Organic Farming
(COF)**



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Dear Learners,

As you are aware that for theory, the weightage to the term-end examination will be 80% and the weightage to the continuous assessment will be 20%. The continuous assessment is in form of assignments. There is one assignment for each course i.e. total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 20% of theory. Instructions to write/format your assignments are as follows:

1. First of all, read the assignment questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of the assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses. Write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials / blocks provided for self- learning purpose. We also suggest that, you may read additional material available before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments. Write in your hand writing. Do not change writing otherwise, your assignments will not evaluated.
2. On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.

Enrollment no:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Course Code:.....

Course Title:.....

Study Centre:.....

Date:.....

(Name and Code)

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet.
5. Clearly indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing answers.

| Assignment No. | Last date of submission (For January, 2023) | Last date of submission (For July, 2023) |
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| Assignment 1 (BAP-001) | 30 th March, 2023 | 15 th September, 2023 |
| Assignment 2 (BAPI-001) | (Before submission of TEE | (Before submission of TEE |
| Assignment 3 (BAPI-002) | Form) | Form) |
| Assignment 4 (BAPI-003) | | |

6. You can submit all your assignments before submission of exam form for Term-End-Examination (TEE). Assignment should be submitted before the submission of TEE Exam Form as per the University schedule. However, with late fee assignment can be submitted till last day of the submission TEE Exam form.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment.**

Wishing you good luck!

Assignment - 1
Course Code: BAP-001
Course Title: Introduction to Organic Farming

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Explain the recommended farming practices on an organic farm. Add an example of it. 10
- Q.2. What is the base of Organic Farming? Explain with the help of concept of Organic “Farm as an Organism”. 10
- Q.3. How the chemical use in Agriculture is hazardous to the Ecosystem? Explain the consequences of chemicals used in farming. 10
- Q.4. Explain principles of organic farming as given by IFOAM. 10
- Q.5. Discuss significant characteristics of an Organic Farm. Explain the longterm benefits. Also explain its limitations. 10

Assignment - 2
Course Code: BAPI-001
Course Title: Organic Production System

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. What is Green Manuring? How it is done under Organic Farming? Explain its benefits and characteristics of 5 green manuring crops. 10
- Q.2. Discuss strategies adopted for the Pest Management in Organic Farming. 10
- Q.3. Write about the land preparation of cereals, oilseed and pulse crops under organic farming with suitable examples. 10
- Q.4. Explain the process of liquid manure preparation and its use in an organic farm. How they are superior than the solid manures? 10
- Q.5. “For a successful organic farming, soil fertility management is an integral part”. Explain this sentence in your opinion with suitable examples. 10

Assignment - 3
Course Code: BAPI-002
Course Title: Inspection and certification of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. What do you mean by Participatory Group Certification (PGC) in organic certification? How it is helpful in promotion of organic farming in country like India? 10
- Q.2. What are the differences between inspection and certification? Give detailed account of Internal Review and Quality Management of Inspection and Certification Bodies. 10
- Q.3. Draw India Organic Logo. Also describe the terms and conditions of its uses. 10
- Q.4. How the chain of custody is helpful in maintaining the integrity of organic food products? How it is helpful in marketing of organic products? 10
- Q.5. Why certification of organic food products is carried out? Explain its advantages with example. Also discuss the characteristics of a certified organic products. 10

Assignment - 4
Course Code: BAPI-003
Course Title: Economics and Marketing of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Describe the supply chain of organic fruits and vegetables. Write the steps to improve it. 10
- Q.2. Explain existing marketing systems for organic food products. 10
- Q.3. The supply of organic products in the country is still not sufficient to meets the demand. According to you, what strategies are required to enhance the supply of organic products? 10
- Q.4. Organic farming is considered as a profitable farming. Please explain your opinion with suitable examples. 10
- Q.5. Give an updated status of organic market structure at national and international levels. Discuss limitations of domestic organic marketing system. 10