

**Post Graduate Certificate in Extension and Development Studies  
(PGCEDS) ASSIGNMENTS (001 To 003)**

**Post Graduate Diploma in Extension and Development Studies  
(PGDEDS) ASSIGNMENTS (001 To 006)**

**Master of Arts in Extension and Development Studies  
(MAEDS) ASSIGNMENTS (001 To 015)**

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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks. Irrespective of the year of registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Read the detailed instructions about assignments given in the Programme Guide.
- 2) The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

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- 4) Use A-4 size paper for your responses, write on both sides with margin and tie all the pages carefully.
- 5) Write the question number with each answer.
- 6) **You should write in your own handwriting.**
- 7) **Last date for submitting the assignments for January Session is 15<sup>th</sup> March and for July Session is 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

## GUIDELINES

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the reading material / books on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question  
**Make sure that your answer:**
  - a) is logical and coherent;
  - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
  - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
- 3) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

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**ASSIGNMENT - 1**

**Course Code: MEDS-001**  
**Assignment No : 001(MEDS 001)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the system approach in curriculum development and lesson plan formulation in extension education.
2. Critically discuss four different types of non-projected aids.
3. Political development is important for economic development-Illustrate.
4. Critically explain dependency theory of development.
5. Describe five important aspects of Gandhian Theory of development.

**ASSIGNMENT - 2**

**Course Code: MEDS-002**  
**Assignment No : 002(MEDS 002)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Who is a change agent? What are the roles of a change agent?
2. What is WTO? Explain the functions and objectives of WTO?
3. Explain cultural obstacles to development.
4. What are the causes of disparity? Describe the measures to overcome disparity?
5. Write short notes on:
  - a) World Bank
  - b) Asian Development Bank

**ASSIGNMENT 03**

**Course Code: MEDS-003**  
**Assignment No: 003 (MEDS 003)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each**

1. What do you understand by the vicious circle of poverty? What are the regional dimensions of poverty in India?
2. What are the main features of India's industrial development? What are the major causes of industrial backwardness?
3. Explain the problems and challenges of health and sanitation development. What are the important causes of poor rural health and sanitation?
4. What do you understand by Sustainable Development? Explain the concept and relevance of Sustainable Development.
5. Explain in detail various challenges and attributes of good governance.

**ASSIGNMENT - 5**

**Course Code: MEDS-005**  
**Assignment No : 005(MEDS 005)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What do you mean by participatory rural appraisal (PRA)? Explain the behavioural principles and distinguishing features of PRA.
2. Differentiate between project and programme. Discuss the major aspects to be considered in preparation of a project.
3. Differentiate between:
  - (a) Appraisal, monitoring and evaluation.
  - (b) Pre-project and post-project evaluation.
4. Discuss the concept of systems approach to operational management with suitable examples.
5. Name different functions of management. Discuss the importance and linkages between staffing and budgeting functions with suitable examples.

**ASSIGNMENT 6**

**Course Code: MEDS-006**  
**Assignment No: 006(MEDS 006)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is the importance of review of literature in a research report and what are its functions? What are the general problems faced in reviewing literature?
2. What are the different methods of development research? Explain case study method in detail.
3. How is quantitative data different from qualitative data? Write in brief about the quantitative data collection methods.
4. Explain the steps in sample design process. What are the errors that can happen in sampling?
5. Taking a topic of your interest, formulate a research project, following the different steps in formulation of a research project.

**ASSIGNMENT - 8**

**Course Code: MEDS-008**  
**Assignment No: 008(MEDS 008)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Critically discuss the role of communication channels in extension and development work with suitable examples?
2. What do you mean by e-governance? Discuss the important features of any one e-governance initiative in urban development.
3. Explain the innovation-decision process model with the help of a diagram.
4. Name different types of consequences of innovations. Discuss desirable and undesirable consequences of innovations with suitable examples.
5. Critically discuss the interrelationship between rate of adoption and attributes of innovation with suitable examples.

**ASSIGNMENT - 9**

**Course Code: MEDS-009**  
**Assignment No: 009(MEDS 009)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are the major development initiatives taken by government in Pre-independence India?
2. What is globalization? Discuss the impact of globalization on development in India?
3. What are the factors responsible for rapid growth of service sector in India? Discuss how service sector is growing rapidly under free market regime.
4. What are the main problems of agricultural development in India? Can agricultural and rural development check rural out-migration?
5. Explain the major contribution of public sectors towards development in India. What are the bottlenecks in the growth of public sectors?

**ASSIGNMENT - 10**

**Course Code: MEDS-010**  
**Assignment No : 010(MEDS 010)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Describe the components of training and write down features of good training.
2. Critically explain identification of training needs through task analysis.
3. Explain various components of training project formulation.
4. What are elements of TQM. Explain how TQM is helpful for improving quality of training.
5. Describe various processes of training impact assessment.

**ASSIGNMENT - 11**

**Course Code: MEDS-011**  
**Assignment No.:011(MEDS 011)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the key features of 74th Constitutional Amendment and its implementation.
2. What are the problems faced by the scheduled caste leaders of marginalized section in rural local bodies?
3. What do you understand by the public private partnership model of development? Enumerate the types of public private partnership models available in our country?
4. What do you understand by PESA? What are the mandatory powers of Gram Sabha or Panchayats in PESA Act 1996?
5. Discuss the history and growth of Panchayat in Kerala.

**ASSIGNMENT 15**

**Course Code: MEDSE-015**  
**Assignment No: 015 (MEDSE 015)**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are the major functions and challenges of primary healthcare?
2. What is dependency rate? Discuss major demographic challenges.
3. What do mean by civil society? Explain the role of civil society in primary health care.
4. What is inter-sectoral coordination? Explain the guiding principles and its major challenges for effective coordination in health.
5. Discuss the major initiatives under reproductive and child healthcare (RCH) programme in India.