

M.A.(RD)

**Master's Programme in Rural Development
(MRD-201,202,203 & 004)**

**Assignments
(July 2024 /January 2025 Session)
MA(RD) –First Year**



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Master of Arts (Rural Development)

ASSIGNMENTS

MRD-201, MRD-202, MRD-203 & MRD-004
Schedule for July 2024 / January 2025

Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2024-2025	For July 2024 session 31st March, 2025	The coordinator of your Study Centre
MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2024-2025		
MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2024-2025		
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2024-2025	For January 2025 session 30th September, 2025	

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A.(RD) you will have to do one assignment in each course of 6 credits. Last date of submission for all the assignments is mentioned above but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of particular course and submit them so that you may get back the marks and comments of the counselor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments.

PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS FROM PROGRAMME GUIDE.

Assignment-1

Rural Development: Indian Context

Course Code: MRD-201

Course Title: Rural Development: Indian Context

Assignment No.: MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2024-2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe the concept, aims and objectives of rural development
2. What do you mean by rural society? Describe important characteristics of Indian rural society.
3. Discuss the impact of emerging knowledge on the behaviour of rural society.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Describe major institutions of Indian rural society
2. Discuss in brief about agrarian movements in Pre-independent India.
3. Explain major approaches of rural development.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Social Mobility
2. Rural Urban Linkages in India
3. Water Resources
4. Cooperatives
5. Green Revolution
6. Indigenous Communication Channels
7. ICT and Livelihood Assets
8. Consolidation of Land Holdings

Assignment-2
Rural Development Programmes

Course Code: MRD-202
Course Title: Rural Development Programmes
Assignment No.: MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2024-2025
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe some important Poverty Alleviation Programmes and problems encountered in their execution.
2. Explain important features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin.
3. What do you mean by watershed? Discuss the importance and major characteristics of Watershed Management.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss the significance of science and technology for rural development.
2. Describe common aspects of National Social Assistance Programmes.
3. Discuss in brief important features of Skill Development Programmes in India.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
2. Dimensions of Food Security
3. Social Forestry
4. Hill Area Development Programme
5. Benefits of Rural Telecommunication Connectivity
6. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
7. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana
8. National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Assignment-3

Rural Development – Planning and Management

Course Code: MRD-203

Course Title: Rural Development – Planning and Management

Assignment No.: MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2024-2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium, and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe major dimensions of a project.
2. Discuss the significance of village level planning in Panchayati Raj System.
3. Explain the history of planning in India.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Discuss in brief about rural development planning methodologies.
2. What do you mean by voluntarism? Describe the evolution of the concept of voluntarism.
3. Describe the role of time in Economic Appraisal.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Project Life Cycle
2. Voluntary Organizations' and Non-Governmental Organizations
3. Detailed Project Report
4. Technical Feasibility
5. Evolution of Rural Development Projects
6. Need for Development Planning
7. Factors Determining People's Participation
8. Block Level Planning

Assignment-4

Research Methods in Rural Development

Course Code: MRD-004

Course Title: Research Methods in Rural Development

Assignment No.: MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2024-2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe the methods of sampling in Social Research.
2. How do you formulate a research problem? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from the area of rural development.
3. What is phenomenology? Explain the phenomenological approaches in social research.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. What is action research? Explain.
2. What do you mean by observation? Discuss its types, stages, and limitations.
3. Explain the difference between experimental research and descriptive research.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Types of Questionnaires
2. Evaluation Research
3. Research in Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
4. Hypothesis
5. Diagnostic Research
6. Applied Research
7. Case Study
8. Quantitative and Qualitative Data