

**Master of Arts (Development Studies)
(MADVS)
Assignments**

(July, 2024 and January, 2025 Sessions)



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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 July 2024 Session is 30th March 2025 and for January 2025 Session is 30th September 2025.**

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 around 600 words;
 - b) is logical and coherent;
 - c) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - d) 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: MDV-101
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is economic development? Discuss different measures of economic development.
2. Critically discuss Solow's growth model.
3. What are the components of Marxian economic system? Discuss the Theory of Capital Accumulation in detail.
4. Discuss Ragnar Nurkse's Theory of Balanced Growth.
5. What do you understand by Neo-liberalism? Discuss the basic principles of Neo-liberalism.

ASSIGNMENT - 2**Course Code: MDV-102
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Describe any two theories of change? Explain the characteristics of change?
2. Explain the indicators for Social Development? What are the social processes of development?
3. What is Violence? Explain the causes of Violence?
4. What are the causes of Marginalization? Explain the measures to overcome Marginalization?
5. What do you understand by Inclusive Development? Explain the factors affecting Inclusive Development?

ASSIGNMENT - 3**Course Code: MDV-103
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each**

1. Distinguish between economic development and economic growth. Explain factors influencing economic development.
2. What is poverty? Explain vicious circle of poverty and causes of poverty.
3. What is climate change? Discuss consequences and impact of climate change.
4. Describe in detail management of soil and water resources. How important these are?
5. What is climate change? What are its impacts? Suggests measures to overcome these effects of climate change.

ASSIGNMENT - 4**Course Code: MDV-106
Maximum Marks: 10****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each**

1. Briefly discuss the different approaches to social science research.
2. Explain any five methods for appraisal of existing situation that is used by development researchers.
3. What is sampling? What are the different types of sampling? Discuss the steps involved in sampling design process.
4. What is the difference between quantitative and qualitative data? Discuss in detail the method of data collection using questionnaire.
5. Giving suitable examples, discuss the measures of dispersion.

ASSIGNMENT - 5

Course Code: MDV-109
Maximum Marks: 100

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

1. What is the unevenness in the growth and trade performance of developing countries under Globalization?
2. What are the main problems that rural industries need to address in Indian context?
3. What is the idea behind the Public Private Partnership in Urban Development?
4. Identify at least four factors that have brought about changes in the socio-economic conditions of the tribals?
5. What are the factors contributing for the success of IT sector of India?

ASSIGNMENT - 6

Course Code: MDV-004
Maximum Marks: 100

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

1. Explain Social Construction and Gender and Cultural Construction and Gender?
2. What is Liberal Feminism? Explain the limitations to Liberal Approach?
3. What do you mean by Engendering Governance? What is the need and initiatives for Engendering Governance?
4. Who are women entrepreneurs? Explain the problems faced by women entrepreneurs in India?
5. What is the relation between Gender and Health? What are the determinants of physical health and well-being?

ASSIGNMENT - 7**Course Code: MDV-105
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What do you understand micro-finance based development by self help groups? Discuss different development models of self help groups.
2. How management and development are related? Discuss the application of any three management functions in development.
3. What are the basic rules to prepare a network? Write the steps in preparation of network with an example.
4. Differentiate between project and programme with examples. Discuss the major aspects to be considered in preparation of a development or corporate social responsibility project.
5. Classify the PRA methods with examples under each category. Discuss importance of stakeholders' participation in participatory development.

ASSIGNMENT - 8**Course Code: MDV- 108
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are different attributes of innovation? Discuss the relationship between attributes and rate of adoption with examples.
2. Critically discuss the role of ICTs in development with examples from rural and urban development.
3. Differentiate between open, leading and direct questions with examples. Discuss the importance of participatory communication in development.
4. Discuss the importance of private and corporate extension with examples from corporate social responsibility initiatives in India.
5. Differentiate between learning experience and learning situation. Explain the role of teaching-learning process in development.

ASSIGNMENT - 9**Course Code: MDV- 110****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss different components and features of a good training policy.
2. Classify different training methods. Discuss the role of audio-visual aids in training.
3. Discuss critically the Kirkpatrick's training evaluation model.
4. Discuss the qualities, skills and roles of a good trainer.
5. Define training needs assessment. Discuss different training needs identification approaches with their merits and demerits.

ASSIGNMENT - 10**Course Code: MDV-111****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Describe and discuss the various steps that need to be followed in preparing the decentralized District Plan.
2. Illustrate various types of civil society organizations and the advantages of having civil society organizations.
3. What do you understand by fiscal decentralization? Discuss the exigencies and dimensions of fiscal decentralization.
4. Define the concept of capacity building and highlight its significance in grass root democracy.
5. Give five important reasons for poor mobilization of resources by the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

ASSIGNMENT - 11**Course Code: MEDS-041****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Explain classical theories of urban development.
2. What is city region? Explain different types of city region.
3. Discuss various techniques of urban planning.
4. Discuss urban local bodies and municipal governance system in India.
5. Describe objectives, functions and significance of financial management.

ASSIGNMENT - 12**Course Code: MEDS-042****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are different sources of urban energy? Explain sustainable urban energy planning.
2. Explain different challenges of urban law and order. Discuss urban revitalization measures to improve law and order.
3. Describe typology of urban informal settlement. Explain causes and formation of informal settlements.
4. Explain meaning and importance of urban heritage. What are challenges of urban heritage?
5. Define poverty. Discuss the causes and consequences of urban poverty.

ASSIGNMENT - 13**Course Code: MDV-115****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the status of elderly people in India. What are the major challenges faced by them?
2. Explain National Family Health Survey in India. Discuss its objectives, survey design, field work and its results for health care policy and programmes.
3. Describe various types of fertility and factors affecting fertility.
4. Explain the traditional Indian healing system of *Ayurveda* and other alternative medicine (AYUSH). Discuss its contemporary relevance.
5. How poverty is linked with health and particularly mother & child health. Explain the this with Indian context.

