

MAUS
MASTER OF ARTS (URBAN STUDIES)

Assignments
(January 2023 Session)



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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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Course Title	Study Centre (code)

3. Use A-4 size paper for your responses. Write the question number with each answer. Write on both sides with margin and tie all the pages carefully, course wise.
4. You should write in your own handwriting.
5. Last date for submitting the assignments for **January 2023 Session is 30th September,2023.** However, you are advised to submit as soon as possible.
6. Submit the assignment responses to the **Coordinator of the Study Centre and get acknowledgement..**
 1. **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them 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
3. **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.
4. **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

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ASSIGNMENT – 1

Introduction to Urban Development

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

Course Code: MEDS- 41

Maximum Marks:100

1. Explain the process of urbanization in north and south. How was the process of urbanization in the post-colonial era?
2. Describe urban planning in India during different plan periods.
3. What are different types of urban local bodies? Discuss municipal governance before and after 74th constitutional amendment?
4. Explain various types of municipal assets. Discuss the models of valuation of fixed municipal assets.
5. What are various principles and approaches to participatory development? Discuss measures to be taken for the promotion of participatory development.

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ASSIGNMENT – 2

Issues and Challenges in Urban Planning and Development

Course Code: MEDS-42

Maximum Marks: 100

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

1. What is urban housing? Briefly discuss urban housing policies and plans of India.
2. Discuss the urban transport management system with suitable examples.
3. Describe various dimensions of urban crime. Suggest measures for strengthening urban safety and security.
4. What is urban poverty? Discuss causes and consequences of urban poverty.
5. What are economic values of water bodies and wet lands? Suggests measures for revitalizing urban water bodies.

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ASSIGNMENT – 3 Dynamics of Urban Planning and Development

**Course Code: MEDS-43
Maximum Marks: 100**

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

1. What are scopes of public administration? Discuss emerging revitalization measures for public administration.
2. Briefly narrate the urban development policy measures taken after 1986. Also discuss the current on-going programmes.
3. Discuss the legal and regulatory reforms undertaken by the government of India in urban development sector.
4. What are various types of vulnerability due to disasters? Describe environmental concerns of disasters.
5. Discuss various sources of revenues of urban local bodies and panchayati raj institutions. What measures do you suggest for the improvement of revenue sources of urban local bodies?

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ASSIGNMENT – 4 Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects and Programmes

**Course Code: MEDS-44
Maximum Marks: 100**

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

1. What do you understand by the terms monitoring and evaluation in the context of urban development projects? Discuss different types of evaluations with suitable examples.
2. What is the purpose of project appraisal? Discuss any two project appraisal techniques with their advantages and disadvantages.
3. Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative data collection methods. Write the uses and limitations of various qualitative data collection methods.
4. Proper planning of different phases involved in programme planning cycle enhances the success of urban development programme. Illustrate with suitable examples.
5. What do you mean by measurement? Discuss different levels of measurement along with their application in the analysis of project data.

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ASSIGNMENT – 5
Development: Issues and Perspectives

Course Code: MEDSE-46

Maximum Marks: 100

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

1. What is human development index? Describe the factors determining human development.
2. What is the measurement of inequality? Describe causes and effects of inequality.
3. What are causes of development disparities? What measures need be taken to overcome development disparities?
4. Briefly describe theories of education development. What are various issues and challenges of education development?
5. What are the causes of industrial backwardness in India? Describe the role of industry in development.

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ASSIGNMENT -6

Ecology, Environment and Urban Development

COURSE CODE: MEDS-047

Maximum Marks:100

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

1. What do you mean by Natural Resource Management (NRM)? Discuss the role of formal institutions in the management of NRM.
2. What are the different challenges of urban ecology?
3. Explain how biodiversity is affected by human activities?
4. What do you mean by sustainable industrialization? Describe the steps required to promote sustainable industrialization.
5. Explain some of the measures suggested in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in India for the improvement of sanitation.

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ASSIGNMENT -7

Sustainable Development and Smart Cities

Course Code: MEDS-048

Maximum Marks: 100

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

1. What is globalization? What are advantages of globalization? Discuss linkages between globalization and sustainable development.
2. What are various livelihood concerns? Explain strategies for sustainable urban livelihood.
3. Why there is a need for education for sustainable development? Describe strategies to impart sustainable development education.
4. Why smart cities are important? Explain various pillars of smart city initiatives.
5. Explain salient features of urban analytics. Describe role and challenges of urban analytics.

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ASSIGNMENT- 8

Dynamics Of Development in Urban Construct

Course Code: MEDS-049

Maximum Marks: 100

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

Q1. What is the role of Financial and Non-Financial institutions in development?

Q2 What is Social Change? Explain causes and any two perspective of change?

Q3 .What do you understand by Globalisation? Discuss the economic dimensions of Globalisation?

Q4. What do you understand by Discrimination? Who are the Discriminated groups? Explain

Q5. What is Knowledge/ Information society? Explain Skill acquisition and training for work in knowledge society?

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MHI-10: URBANISATION IN INDIA
ASSIGNMENT -9

Course Code: MHI-10
Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION-A

1. Examine the emergence of new forms of knowledge and their relationship to the city that has set the modern city distinct from their pre-modern predecessors. 20
2. Discuss the layout and chief characteristics of Mohenjodaro. 20
3. Compare Bhir Mound with Sirkap and Sirsukh cities of the Taxila valley. 20
4. Explain R.S. Sharma's theory of urban decay. What has been the nature of response to this theory? 20
- 5 . Write short notes on any two of the following. Answer in about 250 words each. 10+10
 - i. Layout of Harappan cities
 - ii. Representation of cities in the *Arthashastra*
 - iii. *Janapadas* and *Mahajanapadas*
 - iv. Salient features of post-Gupta urbanism

SECTION-B

6. Critically examine the characteristics of the temple towns in the peninsular India. 20
7. Analyse the characteristics of Mughal cities. What was Bernier's idea of 'camp-cities'? 20
8. Throw light on the unique aspects of Lucknow as an eighteenth century provincial capital? 20
9. In what ways did the dynamics of race, class and ethnicity shape urban spatial relations and control over urban space? 20

10. Write short notes on any two of the following. Answer in about 250 words each.

10+10

- Capital cities of Gaur and Pandua
- of the port of Goa
- Improvement Trusts
- Partition and resettlement

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ASSIGNMENT -10

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Course Code:MPA-16

Marks: 100

This Assignment consists of Section- I and Section- II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss the importance of decentralisation and suggest necessary measures for strengthening decentralised development in India. 20
2. Describe the administrative decentralisation in contemporary scenario. 20
3. "The Bhagidari programme of Delhi Government has promoted the Government-Citizens partnership". Comment. 20
4. Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in education sector. 20
5. Explain the concept of empowerment and highlight the problems and constraints in achieving empowerment. 20

SECTION-II

6. "Owing to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, the PRIs are functioning as effective institutions of local self-governance at the grassroots level". Examine 20
7. Explain the organisational structure of Urban Local Government. 20
8. Describe the resources of local bodies. 20
9. "Municipalities in urban areas are functioning as an effective institution of local- selfgovernment". Comment. 20
10. Define sustainable development and enumerate its major challenges to sustainable development and environment. 20