

MPS

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2021 and January 2022 Sessions



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**M.A. (Political Science)
CORE COURSES**

Dear learner,

As explained in the Programme Guide, you will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment for each course in Political Science. This booklet contains the assignments of the first year courses of the Masters Programme in Political Science.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide.

It is important that you write the answers in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

All assignments, including these, have to be **submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre**. Remember to obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a Xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will note down the marks awarded for each assignment and forward them to the Student Evaluation Division (SED) at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Submission:

The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Session	Last Date of Submission	To be Submitted to
For July, 2021 Session	March 31, 2022	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January, 2022 Session	September 30, 2022	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

**POLITICAL THEORY (MPS-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-001
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2021-22
Marks: 100**

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Write a note on modern political theory.
2. Configure John Rawls' theory of justice.
3. Examine the inter-relationship of duties and rights within liberal thought.
4. Discuss the Marxist view of state.
5. Trace the development of the concept of citizenship.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on the following in about 250 words each.

6. (a) Fascist World view
(b) Gender –sex distinction
7. (a) Civil Disobedience
(b) Weakest link of the Chain (V. I. Lenin)
8. (a) Conservatism
(b) Political Theory in a globalizing World
9. (a) Ideology of neo liberalism
(b) Dictatorship of the proletariat
10. (a) Individualism
(b) Alienation

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORY AND PROBLEMS (MPS-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2021-22
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Evaluate the role of UN to the concept of self -determination and its application.
2. Explain the meaning of international terrorism. How does it impact border security?
3. Do you think the world is unipolar, bipolar or multipolar? Explain current situations.
4. What is ethnicity? Explain the reasons of ethnic wars.
5. There are thousands of people are stateless. Explain pain and agonies of refugees in the world.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words.

6. a) Human Security & Justice
b) Democratic peace theory
7. a) The role of World Trade organisation
b) Issues of Human Rights
8. a) Arms race and super power
b) Nuclear Proliferation Treaty
9. a) Marxist approach to International Relations
b) Constructivist approach
10. a) Central Asian States
b) Indigenous Movements

**INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2021-22
Marks: 100**

Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss how democracy and development are co-related to each other
2. Analyse the working of the federal system in India.
3. Discuss the significance of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments in Indian democracy.
4. Critically analyse the functioning of parliamentary democracy in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The Naxalbari Peasant Uprising
 - b) Indicators of Human Development

SECTION-II

6. Critically examine the impact of the new economic policy on working class in India
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Caste in Indian Democracy
 - b) Gender and Development
8. Discuss the Factors for the growth of regionalism in India.
9. Explain the role of media in Indian democracy
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Economic Consequences of Migration
 - b) Identity Politics in India

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS: ISSUES AND TRENDS (MPS-004)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-004
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2021-22
Marks: 100**

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. What is comparative method? Examine the significance and the limitations of the comparative method in the study of politics.
2. What is political economy approach in the study of comparative politics? Explain how it is applied in political analysis.
3. Discuss the impact of globalization on the internal functioning of a state.
4. What do you understand by nationalism? Describe the basic characteristics of national identity.
5. Write short notes on the following.
 - a) Civil Society and its Importance.
 - b) Constitutionalism.

SECTION-II

6. 'Poverty anywhere in the world is a danger to prosperity everywhere'. Comment.
7. Define political party. What purpose do political parties serve in a democratic polity?
8. Describe and evaluate the position of developing countries on the key issues in the environment debate.
9. What is community? Explain why and how 'community identities' are constructed.
10. Write short notes on the following:
 - a) Regional integration in Europe
 - b) Feminist perspective of the state.
