

**MPS**

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

**ASSIGNMENT  
(First Year)**

**July 2022 and January 2023 Sessions**



**School of Social Sciences  
Indira Gandhi National Open University  
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-11006  
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.

<b>Session</b>	<b>Last Date of Submission</b>	<b>To be Submitted to</b>
For July 2022 Session	March 31, 2023	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2023 Session	September 30, 2023	

Wishing you all the best,

**Faculty of Political Science**

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

**Course Code: MPS-001  
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2022-23  
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. Examine political science as a science.
2. Trace the genesis of democracy.
3. Examine the inter-relationship of duties and rights within liberal thought.
4. Discuss negative liberty.
5. What is equality? Explain.

**SECTION- II**

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

6. (a) Classical Liberalism  
(b) Liberal democratic welfare state
7. (a) Libertarianism  
(b) Party as vanguard of the proletariat (V. I. Lenin)
8. (a) Gramsci's notion of hegemony  
(b) Critique of Marxism and Democratic Socialism
9. (a) Conservatism  
(b) Fundamentalism
10. (a) Nationalism  
(b) Multiculturalism

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

**Course Code: MPS-002**  
**Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2022-23**  
**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. Explain the role of UN in the current world order.
2. Define international terrorism. How does patriotism become the epicenter of terrorism?
3. Do you think the world is unipolar, bipolar or multipolar? Explain with example.
4. What is ethnicity? Explain the reasons of ethnic wars.
5. Migration has become an international issue. Explain the reasons of refugee issues in the world.

**SECTION- II**

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

6. a) Realist Theory  
b) Democratic peace theory
7. a) The role of International Monetary Fund (IMF)  
b) Issues of Human Rights
8. a) Nuclear threats  
b) East –West divide
9. a) Marxist approach to International Relations  
b) Neo-liberal theory of IR
10. a) Define basic features of South Asia  
b) Indigenous Movements

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

**Course Code: MPS-003**  
**Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2022-23**  
**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. Critically examine the working of the federal system in India.
2. Discuss the main challenges of ethnicity for the nation-state in India.
3. Discuss the importance of the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments in Indian democracy.
4. What are the non-party institutions of participation? How do they complement the democratic process?
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Caste in Indian Democracy
  - b) Identity Politics in India

**SECTION-II**

6. Critically analyse the role of media in shaping public policies and public opinion.
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Sustainable Development
  - b) Gender and Development
8. Discuss the factors for the growth of regionalism in India.
9. Discuss the changing notions of civil society and its importance in contemporary era.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Language and politics in India
  - b) Economic Consequences of Migration

**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. Briefly describe the main approaches to nationalism.
2. Analyse the impact of regional integration on the state and its sovereignty.
3. Examine the Neo-Marxist understanding of the state in developing countries.
4. Critically examine the impact of globalization on the internal functioning of a state.
5. Discuss the impact of multinational corporation on developing nations.

**SECTION-II**

6. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Gramsci's conception of civil society
  - b) Marxist conception of political economy
7. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) State building and nation building
  - b) Cultural deprivation as an inducement to ethnicity.
8. Critically evaluate Maurice Duverger's classification of Party Systems.
9. Assess the position of developing countries on the key issues in the environment debate.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Relationship between parties and pressure groups
  - b) Ecofeminism and its critics.

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