

MPS

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2023 and January 2024 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.

Session	Last Date of Submission	To be Submitted to
For July 2023 Session	March 31, 2024	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2024 Session	September 30, 2024	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

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

**Course Code: MPS-001
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2023-24
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 contemporary political theory.
2. Examine the justifications for democracy.
3. Discuss the nature of rights.
4. Elaborate upon some recent debates on liberty.
5. What is social equality? Explain.

SECTION- II

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

6. (a) Needs, rights and deserts
(b) Types of duties
7. (a) Nature of citizenship
(b) Party as Vanguard of the Proletariat (V. I. Lenin)
8. (a) Popular Sovereignty
(b) Civil Society
9. (a) Concept of Authority
(b) Legitimation
10. (a) Civil Disobedience
(b) Political Violence

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

Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2023-24
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 the problems involved in securing self –determination in Europe in the 20th century.
2. Bring out the essence of the key concepts frequently used in the Realist framework. What purpose do they serve?
3. What are the different theoretical approaches to Regionalism? Explain.
4. Discuss the evolution of non –proliferation of nuclear weapons in the post –cold war era.
5. Briefly explain the motives and the methods adopted by the terrorist to perpetuate violence.

SECTION- II

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

6.
 - a) Impact of Science and technology on military affairs
 - b) Uneven International Economic System
7.
 - a) Globalisation
 - b) Critique of Orientalism
8.
 - a) Environmental Approaches
 - b) Feminist theory in International Relations
9.
 - a) Marxist approach to International Relations
 - b) Inter –state displacement
10.
 - a) Causes of Identity wars
 - b) Nasser’s Three Circles

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

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2023-24
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. Elaborate upon the Communist Party of India's perspective on Independence.
2. Assess the potential for transformative change inherent in the Directive Principles of State Policy within the Indian Constitution.
3. "The judiciary is the most significant institution for protecting the rights and interests of citizens." Comment.
4. Examine the circumstances and factors contributing to India's centralisation of federal powers.
5. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Jurisdiction of High Courts
 - b) Parliamentary Sovereignty

SECTION-II

6. What is a market economy? Analyse its benefits and drawbacks.
7. Analyse the economic consequences of liberalisation in India.
8. Elaborate on the regionalisation of Indian politics.
9. Discuss the key indicators to measure and assess sustainable development.
10. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Gender Equity
 - b) Planned Economy

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

**Course Code: MPS-004
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2023-24
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. Political science can deal with 'state building' better than 'nation building'. Explain.
2. Briefly describe the main approaches to the study of Nationalism.
3. In what ways has globalization affected state sovereignty? Explain.
4. What do you understand by self-determination? Evaluate the debate on self-determination.
5. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Gramsci on Civil Society
 - b) Pluralist liberal theory of the state

SECTION-II

6. What do you understand by ethnic identity? Why do ethnic groups get politically activated?
7. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Characteristics of military regimes
 - b) Maurice Duverger's classification of Party Systems
8. Describe and evaluate the position of developing countries on key issues in the environment debate
9. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Development approach to participation
 - b) Eco-feminism
10. Describe and evaluate major trends of Human Development in developing countries.
