

**MPS**

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

**ASSIGNMENT  
(First Year)**

**July 2024 and January 2025 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>
<b>For July 2024 Session</b>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
<b>For January 2025 Session</b>	<b>September 30, 2025</b>	

Wishing you all the best,

**Faculty of Political Science**

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

**Course Code: MPS-001  
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2024-25  
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. Trace the evolution of political theory.
2. Examine Procedural and Substantive democracy.
3. Discuss the meaning and nature of rights.
4. Elaborate upon negative liberty.
5. Trace the struggle for equality.

**SECTION- II**

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

6. (a) John Rawl's critique of Utilitarianism  
(b) Significance of duty
7. (a) Forms of citizenship  
(b) Party as Vanguard of the Proletariat (V. I. Lenin)
8. (a) Sovereignty  
(b) Classical liberalism
9. (a) Welfare state  
(b) Libertarianism
10. (a) Historical Materialism  
(b) Gramsci's concept of Hegemony

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

**Course Code: MPS-002**  
**Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2024-25**  
**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 International Relation? Explain the differences among International Relations, International Politics and Global Politics.
2. Bring out the key arguments of the dependency approach in International Relations.
3. Explain the main assumptions of liberalism. How is it different from Realism?
4. How do you define the World Order? What is the current World Order? Compare the salient features of the Old and New World Order.
5. How is Colonialism different from imperialism? Also highlight the Marxist views on colonialism.

**SECTION- II**

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

6. a) "Security Communities"  
b) Artificial Intelligence and International Relations
7. a) Hegemony  
b) Feminism in International Relations
8. a) New Cold-war  
b) Explain Détente
9. a) Short note on Globalisation  
b) Identity politics
10. a) Media influences on International Culture  
b) Inter-state displacement

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

**Course Code: MPS-003  
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2024-25  
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 concept of development and its relationship with democracy.
2. Analyse the functioning of the federal system in India.
3. Elaborate on the Liberalisation, Privatisation, and Globalization (LPG) policies.
4. Elaborate upon the evolution of peasant movements in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each.
  - a) The Telangana Peasant Rebellion
  - b) Political participation

**SECTION-II**

6. Explain the behavioralist concept of political participation.
7. Explain the nature of regionalism in India.
8. Examine the Basic Minimum Needs approach to human development.
9. Discuss the causes of over-urbanisation.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Internal Migration
  - b) Sustainable Development

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

**Course Code: MPS-004  
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2024-25  
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 significance and limitations of the comparative method in the study of politics.
2. Explain the differences between the Social Contract theory and Marxian theory of the origin of the State.
3. Critically examine the dynamics of the State–Multinational Corporation relationships in the era of globalization.
4. What do you understand by self–determination? Evaluate the debate on the self–determination.
5. Poverty anywhere in the world is a danger to prosperity everywhere. Comment.

**SECTION-II**

6. Define political party. What purpose do political parties serve in a democratic polity?
7. Write short note on the following in about 250 words:
  - a) Nature of anti-colonial movements in Southeast Asia
  - b) Regional integration in Europe
8. What is community? Explain how ‘community identities’ are constructed.
9. Write short note on the following in about 250 words:
  - a) Feminist perspective of the state
  - b) Gandhian perspective of the modern state
10. What has led to nationalisation of science and technology? How has its development varied in developed and developing countries?

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