

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**Master of Science (Environmental Science)
(MSCENV)**

Assignments

**January 2025 to July 2026 Sessions
(Valid from Jan 2025 to December 2026)
Elective Courses**

**Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for
MEVE 011; MEVE 012; MEVE 013; MEVE 014;
MEVE 015; MEVE 016; MEVE 017; MEVE 018;
MEVE 019**



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the Programme M.Sc. (Environmental Science)!

You are required to do one assignment for each Course of the M.Sc. (Environmental Science). Each assignment is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. Each assignment covers the entire course. Answer any five questions in each assignment. All questions carry equal marks. This TMA is concerned mainly with assessing your application and understanding of the course material. Please ensure that you read all the units of the course. It is important that you should write the answers to all the questions in your own words. You should remember that writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

This booklet includes assignments for the following courses:

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It is compulsory to submit the assignments within the stipulated time to be eligible for appearing the term-end examination. The assignments constitute the continuous component of the evaluation process and have 30% weightage in the final grading. Before you write the assignments, first go through the course material and then prepare the assignments carefully by following the instructions pertaining to assignments. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials provided for self-learning purposes but it should be in your own words.

If you have any doubt or problem pertaining to the course material and assignments, contact the Programme Coordinator or concerned programme in-charge or Academic Counsellor at your Study Centre for clarification. Once you are able to do the assignment satisfactorily, you will be ready to take the Term-end exam with confidence.

If you still have problems, do feel free to contact us at School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies.

Wishing you all the best to complete the programme successfully.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Before attempting the assignment, please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Read the detailed instructions about the assignment given in the Programme Guide.
2. Write your Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address and Date on the top right corner of the first page of your response sheet(s).
3. Write the Course Title, Assignment Number and the Name of the Study Centre you are attached to, in the centre of the first page of your response sheet(s).
4. Read the instructions related to assignments given in the programme guide.
5. Please note that unless you submit the assignments contained in this booklet within the stipulated time, you would not be permitted to appear for the term-end examination.
6. The top of the first page of your response sheet should be like the following:

NAME:

ENROLLMENT NO.:

CYCLE OF ADMISSION:

PROGRAMME CODE:

ASSIGNMENT CODE:

COURSE CODE:

COURSE TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

GUIDELINES FOR TMAs

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- **Planning:** Read the questions carefully. Go through the points on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order. And please write the answers in your own words. Do not reproduce passages from the units.
- **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate 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. In the course of your answer, you may like to make references to other texts or books as this will add some depth to your analysis.

Note the following points before you start writing the assignments:

1. Use only A4 paper size for your assignment and tag all the pages carefully.
2. Write the relevant question number with each answer.
3. You should write the answer in your own handwriting.

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;
- (d) Does not exceed the number of words indicated in the question.

Submission: The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you. Please read the instructions given in your Programme Guide. These assignment questions are valid for the **January 2025 to July 2026 session**.

- Keep a copy of the assignment answer sheets with you before submission for future reference.
- Answer each assignment on separate sheet.
- It is preferred to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting. Write your name, course code, enrolment No. and cycle of admission on all the assignments in bold letters.

- Express your response in your own words. You are advised to restrict your response based on the marks assigned to it. This will also help you to distribute your time in writing or completing your assignments on time.

Remember that you must submit your assignments before you can appear for the Term End Exams. Please remember to keep a copy of your completed assignment, just in case the one you submitted is lost in transit.

Good luck with your work!

MEVE-011 : GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-011
Course Title	: Global Climate Change
Assignment Code	: MEVE-011/TMA-01/January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Explain the vertical structure and composition of atmosphere. Explain the global energy budget with a suitable diagram.
 2. Explain Milankovitch oscillations with suitable diagrams. Explain the factors affecting amount of energy flux received at the earth's surface.
 3. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - a. Atmospheric window
 - b. Greenhouse Effect
 - c. Emissions from wetlands
 - d. El Nino
 4. Explain the negative impacts of agriculture on environment. Explain the impacts of urbanization on environment.
 5. Discuss the National Action Plan on Climate Change. Explain the capacity building from the perspective of UNFCCC.
 6. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - a. Drought
 - b. Timberline
 - c. Kyoto Protocol
 - d. Glacial Lake Outburst Floods

7. Discuss the different types of climate models.
8. Explain the climate change impacts on physical and chemical properties of ocean.

MEVE-012 : ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-012
Course Title	: Environmental Management
Assignment Code	: MEVE-012/TMA-01/January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Elaborate the functions of Environmental Management.
 2. What is sustainable business? Explain its components.
 3. Explain the factors affecting the evaluation of Environmental Performance.
 4. What are the principles and scope of Environmental Management.
 5. Elucidate the importance of manager in an organization. What is the difference between management and administration?
 6. What is environmental audit? How the environmental audit is conducted in a firm?
 7. Explain the concept of Environmental Management System.
 8. What is the role of service organizations in implementing CSR policy of the Government of India?

MEVE-013 : ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-013
Course Title	: Environmental Biotechnology
Assignment Code	: MEVE-013/TMA-01/January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

1. Discuss the applications of biotechnology in environmental management. Write short notes on biomonitoring and biomethanation.
2. Explain the principles involved in trickling filter and activated sludge treatment with suitable diagrams.
3. Discuss the sources and classification of solid waste based on hazardous potential, content and origin. Explain the mechanisms involved in biodegradation of xenobiotics.
4. Discuss the characteristics of hemicellulose and lignin degrading microorganisms and processes involved in biodegradation.
5. Explain the bioleaching processes with suitable examples. Discuss the factors affecting bioleaching process.
6. Explain the salient features of in-situ and ex-situ bioremediation methods. Discuss the factors affecting the process of bioremediation of metals.
7. Explain the salient features of first, second, third and fourth generation of biofuels.
8. Discuss the production methods, applications, advantages and challenges of bioplastics.

MEVE-014 : BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-014
Course Title	: Biodiversity Conservation and Management
Assignment Code	: MEVE-014/TMA-01/January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Explain the different types of biodiversity and biodiversity indices.
 2. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Tropical forests
 - b. Agroecosystem
 - c. Coastal ecosystem
 - d. Boreal forests
 3. Explain the causes and consequences of habitat destruction and fragmentation.
 4. Explain the multi-dimensional aspects of conservation biology. Discuss the characteristic features of biodiversity hotspots in India.
 5. Explain the approaches to ecosystem restoration. Discuss the benefits of restoring degraded ecosystem.
 6. Explain the principles of sustainable harvesting. Explain the benefits of sustainable harvesting of agriculture and forest resources.
 7. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Bishnoi movement
 - b. Chipko movement
 - c. Save silent valley movement
 - d. Appiko movement
 8. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Green Consumerism
 - b. Sustainable Cities
 - c. Green Infrastructure
 - d. Participatory Forest management

MEVE-015 : DISASTER MANAGEMENT

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-015
Course Title	: Disaster Management
Assignment Code	: MEVE-015/TMA-01/ January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. What are the types of natural and man-made disasters? Explain
 2. Highlight the importance of disaster preparedness in mitigating the effects of natural disasters.
 3. Discuss the role of Disaster management Governance.
 4. What the key components of Disaster Management Preparedness Framework.
 5. Write a note on the human health and sanitation related issues occurring during disasters.
 6. Explain the financing and insurance related policies for disaster reduction in India.
 7. What are the rules and regulations governing Disaster Management in India. Write briefly.
 8. Discuss the role of international agencies in managing disasters.

MEVE-016 : URBAN ENVIRONMENT

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-016
Course Title	: Urban Environment
Assignment Code	: MEVE-016/TMA-01/ January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Write a note on the meteorological factors affecting the urban environment?
 2. Highlight the importance of sustainable urban development in generating jobs and securing livelihoods.
 3. Explain the factors responsible for urbanization.
 4. Define urban ecology. Explain its importance from sociological point of view.
 5. Explain the difference between smart cities and eco cities.
 6. Explain the concept of Rank size Rule. What are the key points in rank size distribution of cities.
 7. How should the resource planning be done in urban areas to equalise the distribution of amenities?
 8. What are urban forests? What steps must be taken to improve the area under forests in urban areas.

MEVE-017 : ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-017
Course Title	: Environment and Society
Assignment Code	: MEVE-017/TMA-01/ January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Define society. Explain the types of material and non-material society.
 2. Define social change. Explain the processes of social change in India.
 3. Discuss some of the major concepts and theories pertaining to Environmental Sociology.
 4. Explain the causes and consequences of environmental inequality.
 5. Throw light on the various eco-social movements highlighting the works of various environmentalists and their contribution to society.
 6. What is environmental crisis? Elaborate the importance of environmental conservation for societal welfare.
 7. Describe the historical development of science and technology.
 8. Describe the concept of eco-feminism. Elucidate the role of women in environment protection.

MEVE-018 : INSTRUMENTATION TECHNIQUES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code : MEVE-018

Course Title : **Instrumentation Techniques for Environmental Monitoring**

Assignment Code: MEVE-018/TMA-01/**January 2025 to July 2026 session**

Coverage: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Classify the chromatographic technique based on mobile phase, stationary phase and mechanism of separation.
 2. Describe the application of chromatographic techniques in environmental monitoring.
 3. Describe different types of x-ray diffraction methods.
 4. Explain the principle of flame atomic absorption spectrometry.
 5. Distinguish between various types of PCR techniques.
 6. Explain the working method of nanoscale optofluidic sensor array.
 7. Explain the working of biosensor in detail.
 8. What is electrophoresis? What are its various types?

MEVE-019 : ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code	: MEVE-019
Course Title	: Environmental Issues
Assignment Code	: MEVE-019/TMA-01/ January 2025 to July 2026 session
Coverage	: All Blocks

Maximum Marks 100

5x20=100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course.

Answer any five questions. All question carries equal marks.

Please write all answers in your own words.

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1. Explain the drivers and extent of biodiversity loss.
 2. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. In-situ conservation
 - b. Ex-situ conservation
 - c. Biomass burning
 - d. Biomass management practices
 3. Explain the health impacts of Persistent Organic Pollutants and Radioactive wastes. Discuss the management strategies of Persistent Organic Pollutants and Radioactive wastes.
 4. Discuss the genesis of Sustainable Development Goals. Explain the challenges to sustainable development.
 5. Discuss the impacts of urbanization. Explain the challenges to sustainable urbanization.
 6. Discuss the sources, causes, mechanism and process of eutrophication.
 7. Discuss the causes, effects and management strategies of soil pollution.
 8. Discuss the causes, impacts and management of inland water pollution.
