

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**MSc in Geography Programme
(MSCGG)
(First Year)**

Valid from 1st July, 2023 to 30th June, 2024



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Dear Student,

Please read the section on assignments in the Programme Guide of MSc Geography Programme. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation, **which would consist of one tutor-marked assignment** for this course. The assignment given in this booklet consists of three parts, Part A, B and C. The total marks of all the parts are 100, of which 35% are needed to pass it.

Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format:

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COURSE CODE:

COURSE TITLE:

ASSIGNMENT NO.:

STUDY CENTRE: **DATE:**

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

- 2) Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 3) Leave 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet.
- 4) Your answers should be precise.
- 5) Complete each of Part A, Part B and Part C of this assignment separately, and **submit them together.**
- 6) The assignment answer sheets are to be submitted to your Study Centre within the due date. **Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted. We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your answer sheets.**
- 7) **This assignment is valid from 1st July, 2023 to 30th June 2024. The last date for assignment submission is as follows:**
31st March 2024 for July 2023 admission cycle
30th September 2024 for January 2024 admission cycle
If you have failed in this assignment or fail to submit it by due date, then you need to get the assignment for the year 2024-25, and submit it as per the instructions given in the Programme Guide.
- 8) **You cannot fill the exam form for this course** till you have submitted this assignment. For any further queries, please contact: satyaraj@ignou.ac.in, vishalwarpa@ignou.ac.in, knrao@ignou.ac.in

We wish you good luck.

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MGG-001

Assignment Code: MGG-001/TMA/2023-24

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Give a detailed discussion on the institutionalisation of geography as an academic discipline in the world.
2. Write in detail about geography as science, geography as social science and geography as integrative science and discuss its place in the classification of knowledge.
3. Geography is the science of distribution. Elaborate.
4. Explain the human-environment relationships with Determinism, Environmentalism, Possibilism and Neo-Determinism.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Write an essay on the period of integration with the brief of contributions made by Ferdinand Von Richthofen, Alfred Hettner, Friedrich Ratzel and Vidal de la Blache.
6. Define and differentiate natural and cultural landscapes with suitable examples.
7. Explain the statement “Space is neither absolute, relative nor relational in itself, but it can become one or all simultaneously depending on the circumstances.”

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Geographical traditions given by William D. Pattison
- b) Hartshorne- Schaefer Debate
- c) Dualism and dichotomy in geography
- d) Chorology and Chorography
- e) Natural and Cultural Landscape
- f) Territoriality

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Course Code: MGG-008

Assignment Code: MGG-008/TMA/2023-24

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Give a detailed account of the progress and nature of geography in the early 1950s.
2. Critically discuss the philosophical basis of scientific and quantitative geography with merits and demerits of the quantitative approach in geography.
3. Discuss empiricism and logical empiricism in detail.
4. What are the differences between behavioural and humanistic geography in terms of their contents and methodologies? Write about the impacts of idealistic, phenomenological and existential ideologies on the methodologies followed in humanistic geography.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Give your comparative argument on the structuration and structuralism in understanding spatial structure.
6. Discuss in detail the origins of critical geographies with similarities and differences between radical geography and critical geographies.
7. Give a detailed discussion on post-structural and post-colonial human geography.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Major critiques of regional geography
- b) Empiricism and logical empiricism
- c) Spatial variables
- d) Paradigm
- e) Social production of nature
- f) Geographies of difference

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Course Code: MGG-002

Assignment Code: MGG-002/TMA/2023-24

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Discuss the significance of geomorphology and elaborate on any three approaches used to study geomorphology.
2. What is isostasy? Critically discuss Airy and Pratt's views on isostasy.
3. What is mass wasting? Discuss slides in detail.
4. Discuss coastal processes and resultant landforms elaboratively.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Discuss in detail the Plate Tectonics theory with diagrams.
6. Write a note on applications of remote sensing in geomorphology.
7. What do you mean by Geomorphic tools? Explain the tools of geomorphology for measuring landforms.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Geomorphology of 20th century and beyond
- b) Dynamic Equilibrium theory of Hack
- c) Faults
- d) Ventifacts and Yardangs
- e) Landuse Planning and Environment Management
- f) Geomorphic Models

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Course Code: MGG-003

Assignment Code: MGG-003/TMA/2023-24

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Write a detailed note on concept of regions and regional geography.
2. Discuss in detail about the genesis of regions during ancient period in India.
3. Write a detailed note on regional division, geology and physiography of Himalayas.
4. Write a detailed note on population characteristics of chotanagpur plateau.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Write a detailed note on physical basis of regionalization.
6. Discuss in detail about the review and critical evaluation of the scheme of regionalization presented by K.S. Ahmad.
7. Write a detailed note on climate and vegetation of Bengal delta.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Differentiate between vernacular region and adhoc region
- b) Areas of attraction
- c) Factors and processes of changing dimensions of india's regional structure
- d) Regions of bundelkhand
- e) Vegetation of sunderbans delta
- f) Prospects and problems of Sikkim Himalaya

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Course Code: MGG - 004

Assignment Code: MGG - 004/TMA/2023

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory and carries 10 marks each

1. Discuss in detail main sources of population data with special reference to India.
2. Describe the factors determining work participation in different parts of the world. Explain male and female work participation in different parts of the world.
3. Critically evaluate Malthusian Theory of Population with suitable examples.
4. “The relationship between population and development is a two way processes i.e. population affects development and vice versa.” Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Explain the theories of internal structure of cities with the help of appropriate diagrams.
6. Describe types and patterns of rural settlements with the help of suitable diagrams and examples.
7. Discuss functional structures of towns in India.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Development of Population Geography
- b) Child Sex Ratio in India
- c) Economic and social consequences of migration
- d) Social morphology of Indian villages
- e) Rank Size Rule
- f) Sustainable Cities