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# **Master's Degree Programme in Sociology**

**Second Year  
M.A. Sociology**

**Assignment for students admitted in July 2022 and  
January 2023 sessions**

## **Assignment for the Elective Courses:**

MSOE-001: Sociology of Education  
MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities  
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion  
MSOE-004: Urban Sociology  
MPS-003: India: Democracy and Development  
MPA-016: Decentralization and Local Governance



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### ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment (TMAs) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words**.

<b>Admission Cycle</b>	<b>Date of Submission</b>	<b>To be sent</b>
For students admitted in July 2022 Batch	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023	<b>To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
For students admitted in January 2023 Batch	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	

You must **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 has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

#### **Some Tips for Doing Assignments**

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

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully; go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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**Elective Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSOE-001: Sociology of Education**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Maximum Marks: 100**  
**Weightage: 30%**

**Programme Code: MSO**  
**Course Code: MSOE-001**  
**Assignment Code: MSOE-001/AST/TMA/2022-2023**

**Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.**

**Section-I**

1. Discuss the sociological perspective on education. 20
2. Compare functionalist and conflict approaches towards the understanding of education. 20
3. How does education perpetuate gender inequality in society? Discuss. 20
4. Discuss the relation between education and social mobility. 20
5. How does education help in nation building? Explain. 20

**Section-II**

6. What is multicultural education? Discuss its relevance in contemporary society. 20
7. "Education is a tool for women's empowerment". Discuss. 20
8. Analyse the impact of globalization on higher education in India. 20
9. What do you understand by knowledge society? Describe its relation to education. 20
10. Explain the philosophical foundation of distance education. 20

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**Elective Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Maximum Marks: 100**  
**Weightage: 30%**

**Programme Code: MSO**  
**Course Code: MSOE-002**  
**Assignment Code: MSOE-002/AST/TMA/2022-2023**

**Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.**

**Section-1**

1. Briefly examine the nature of Jewish Diaspora. 20
2. Describe the migration patterns of Indian Diaspora to the Gulf region. 20
3. What are the five patterns of Indian emigration? 20
4. Describe the historical context of Indian emigration during colonial times. 20

**Section-II**

5. Discuss the role of Bollywood in the representation of the Indian diaspora. 20
6. Write a note on the socio-cultural linkages between Indian diasporas. 20
7. Discuss the nature of transnational networks among Punjabi diaspora. 20
8. Why are Indians considered a model minority in the USA. 20

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**Elective Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Maximum Marks: 100**  
**Weightage: 30%**

**Programme Code: MSO**  
**Course Code: MSOE-003**  
**Assignment Code: MSOE-003/AST/TMA/2022-2023**

**Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.**

**Section-I**

1. Describe and discuss the sociological perspective on religion. 20
2. Discuss the elements of soul and sacrifice in religious beliefs. 20
3. What is the “okka”? Discuss with examples. 20
4. Explain T.N. Madan’s view of non-renunciation with suitable example. 20
5. Explain Weber’s perspective on the origins of the spirit of capitalism. 20

**Section-II**

6. Explain phenomenology of religion with special reference to Peter Bergers’ view. 20
7. Discuss the main features of communalism and fundamentalism. 20
8. Discuss Clifford Geertz’s approach to the understanding of religion. 20
9. What is a pluralist society? Describe any one of the major religious teachings. 20
10. Describe the Indian experience in the realm of secularism and secularization. 20

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**MSOE-004: Urban Sociology**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code: MSO**  
**Course Code: MSOE-004**  
**Assignment Code: MSOE-004/AST/TMA/2022-23**

**Maximum Marks: 100**  
**Weightage: 30%**

**Answer any five question selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.**

**Section-I**

1. Describe the ecological park theory with suitable examples. 20
2. Define the concept of city and discuss the town/city distinction according to the Indian Census. 20
3. What are pre-industrial cities? Describe and discuss its features with an example. 20
4. Discuss the meaning of New Urban Sociology? What does it constitute? 20
5. How does the forces of technological and socio-cultural changes in society impact the family. Discuss with examples. 20
6. Analyse the different aspects of social change in rural areas in India with reference to life-style and social mobility. 20

**Section-II**

7. How has the occupational structure changed after economic liberalization, privatization and globalization in urban India. 20
8. Which is more acute-urban poverty or rural poverty in India? Discuss critically with examples. 20
9. In what ways does urban ecology and environment impact the lives of people living in cities? Discuss 20
10. Discuss critically the role and responsibility of media in urban governance. 20

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

**Course Code: MPS-003  
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2022-23  
Marks: 100**

**Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. 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

## MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Course Code: MPA-016

Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2022-23

Marks: 100

**This Assignment consists of Section- I and Section- II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.**

### **SECTION-I**

- 1) Discuss the importance of decentralisation and suggest necessary measures for strengthening decentralised development in India. 20
- 2) Describe the administrative decentralisation in contemporary scenario. 20
- 3) “The Bhagidari programme of Delhi Government has promoted the Government-Citizens partnership”. Comment. 20
- 4) Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in education sector. 20
- 5) Explain the concept of empowerment and highlight the problems and constraints in achieving empowerment. 20

### **SECTION-II**

- 6) “Owing to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, the PRIs are functioning as effective institutions of local self-governance at the grassroots level”. Examine. 20
- 7) Explain the organisational structure of Urban Local Government. 20
- 8) Describe the resources of local bodies. 20
- 9) “Municipalities in urban areas are functioning as an effective institution of local- self government”. Comment. 20
- 10) Define sustainable development and enumerate its major challenges to sustainable development and environment. 20