

MSO

Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

**Second Year
M.A. Sociology**

**Assignment for students admitted in
July 2024 and January 2025 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 (TMA) 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**.

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2024 Batch	31 st March, 2025	To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For students admitted in January 2025 Batch	30 th September, 2025	

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 underline 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/2024-2025

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

Section-I

1. Compare functionalist and conflict theories in the context of education in India. 20
2. Describe John Dewey's view on education. 20
3. Explain the role of education in the control of masses. 20
4. Discuss Illich's perspective in the role of education as prescribed in deschooling society 20
5. Democratization of education is essential for social change and mobility. Discuss. 20

Section-II

6. What role does education play in nation building in India ? 20
7. "Education is a tool for women's empowerment". Discuss. 20
8. Is there a need for involvement of private sector in professional education? 20
9. What do you understand by knowledge society? Describe its relation to education. 20
10. What is the present scenario in terms of universalization of education in India? 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/2024-2025

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 USA. 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 literature in the representation of the Indian diaspora. 20
6. Write a note on Indian State policy towards NRIs 20
7. What do you understand by the term virtual communities? 20
8. Examine the cultural linkages between Indian Diaspora. 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/2024-2025**

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

Section-I

	Marks
1. Outline the Marxian concept of religion.	20
2. Examine totemism as an elementary form of religion.	20
3. What is “okka”? Discuss with examples.	20
4. Explain T.N. Madan’s view of non-renunciation with suitable example.	20

Section-II

5. Explain phenomenology of religion with special reference to Peter Bergers’ view.	20
6. Discuss the theories of secularism with special reference to the Indian experience.	20
7. Explain Clifford Geertz’s approach to the understanding of religion.	20
8. Discuss the view of Lèvi-Strauss on totemism.	20

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Master's in Sociology
MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-004
Assignment Code: MSOE-004/AST/TMA/2024-25

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

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

Section-I

1. What is urban sociology? Discuss its historical back ground. 20
2. Discuss the characteristic features of a city with special reference to E.W Bwrgess' theory of concentric zone. 20
3. Describe the ecological park theory and discuss its major contributions to urban sociology. 20
4. How many types of cities are there? Give an example of one of them with detail. 20
5. What do you understand by 'New urban Sociology'? Who were its pioneers. 20

Section-II

6. Is it true that nuclear families are found in urban areas while joint families are found in rural areas? Discuss 20
7. Describe the pattern of urban growth in India with suitable examples. 20
8. Compare and contrast the urban formal and informal sectors of Indian economy. 20
9. What do you understand by urban planning? How does it help growth of cities? Discuss 20
10. Discuss the critical role of media in the growth and governance of cities. 20

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

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: /Asst/TMA/2024-25
Marks: 100**

Answer five questions, 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

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-016

Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/July 2024- January 2025

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 impact of decentralised development. 20
- 2) Explain the concept of empowerment by highlighting the problems in achieving empowerment. 20
- 3) Describe the politico-administrative components of decentralisation and suggest necessary measures to strengthen them. 20
- 4) Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in the health sector. 20
- 5) What are the different requirements in development planning? 20

SECTION-II

- 6) Discuss the evolution and significance of democratic decentralisation in India. 20
- 7) Explain the term institutional capacity-building and suggest ways for capacity-building of elected representatives. 20
- 8) “Owing to the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, municipalities are functioning as effective institutions of local self- government at the grassroots level”. Comment. 20
- 9) Examine the structure, powers and functions of local government. 20
- 10) Write short notes on the following in 250 words each:
 - a) Modalities for people’s participation. 10
 - b) Sustainable development and governance. 10