

MPA-038

**Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster
Risk Reduction and Management
(PGDDRRM)**

ASSIGNMENT

**For the Students Enrolled in
July 2024 & January 2025 Sessions**

Course Code: MPA 038

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a Course carry 30 percent weightage, while 70 percent weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for a four credit course. This course on **Pandemic Preparedness and Response (MPA 038)** is a four credit course. This Assignment has one TMA, whose total marks add upto 100, which carry a weightage of 30 per cent.

Before you attempt the assignments, please carefully read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you attempt all questions asked in the TMA, and write answers in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills, and prepare you for the term-end examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Submission of the completed assignments:

| Admission Batch | Last date of submission | Place of Submission |
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| For the students enrolled in July 2024 Session | 31 st March 2025 | Coordinator of the student's Study Center |
| For the students enrolled in January 2025 | 30 th September 2025 | |

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the submitted assignments 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 Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 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) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:
 - a) Is logical and coherent;
 - b) Has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
 - c) Is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

**Programme Coordinator
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**MPA-038: PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
(TMA)**

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

This assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer all the questions, in about 400 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

Section -I

- 1) Discuss the significance of surveillance and early warning system in identifying and addressing emerging diseases. 10
- 2) Discuss the significance of global cooperation and preparedness in effectively addressing the challenges posed by re-emerging diseases. 10
- 3) Explain the key steps involved in the investigation of an outbreak. 10
- 4) Describe the trends affecting pandemic risk. 10
- 5) Write short notes in about 200 words on each of the following: 10
 - a) Emerging Diseases and their Global Impact 05
 - b) Rapid Response Teams 05

Section – II

- 6) ‘The investigation of food-borne epidemics involves identifying the source of contamination, determining the outbreak, and implementing control measures to prevent further illness transmission’. Discuss. 10
- 7) Write a note on Analysing and Interpreting Data for Disease Surveillance. 10
- 8) Enumerate the achievements of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Program. 10
- 9) Discuss the lessons based on responses to COVID–19 and suggest necessary measures for better recovery. 10
- 10) Write short notes in about 200 words on each of the following:
 - a) Consequences of Pandemics 05
 - b) National Action Plan for Health Security 05