

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)**

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**Dear Students,**

As you are aware that the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75 per cent and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 25 % of total marks.

**Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. First of all read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub sections of a unit while preparing your responses and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that, you may read additional materials available in your study centre or in any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.: .....  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Course Code: .....  
Course title: .....  
Study Centre: .....  
(Name and Code)  
Date: .....

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4 cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet
5. Clearly indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

## Assignment -1

Course Code: MNR-001

Course title: Indian Agricultural Development

Maximum Marks: 50

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. How agriculture evolved? Discuss the status of agricultural development during prehistoric period.
2.
  - a) Discuss the pre-sowing cultivation and plant protection practices in traditional agriculture.
  - b) Explain the growth in livestock production in India.
3. What do you understand by the land reforms in India? Discuss the types and progress of land reforms.
4.
  - a) Discuss the causes of growth of agricultural labour in India
  - b) Explain the composition of livestock resources in Indian economy.
5. What is public distribution system (PDS)? Discuss the importance, features and short coming of current PDS.
6. Explain the functions and growth of warehousing in the country.
7. Discuss the purpose, types and distribution of agricultural subsidies in the country.
8. What is meant by the rural industries? Discuss the problems and supports to the rural industries.

## Assignment -2

Course Code: MNR-002

Course title: Agriculture Policy: Formulation, Components, Implementation and Comparative Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. What is meant by agricultural policy? Explain the link between policy and planning.
2. What do you understand by policy formulation and policy making? Explain the steps in the policy formulation process.
3. Explain the significance of impact assessment. Discuss the types and approaches of impact assessment.
4. Discuss the meaning and contexts of policy failure in agriculture.
5. Explain the features and components of the National Agricultural Policy.
6. Explain the following:
  - a) Problems in land use in India
  - b) Basic objectives of National Land Use Policy
7. Write a note on the following:
  - a) Community development and agricultural production programmes in India
  - b) Role of resources in the process of development
8.
  - a) Discuss about the expansion in area, yield and production of foodgrain crops.
  - b) Explain important concerns emerge in the process of globalization

### **Assignment -3**

**Course Code: MNRE-015**

**Course title: Cooperatives and Farmers' Organizations**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. What do you mean by the cooperatives? Explain the characteristics and basic values of cooperatives.
2. Discuss the spread and growth of cooperative movement in India
3. Explain the structure and functioning of credit cooperative societies in India.
4. State the laws and bye-laws framed for the successful operation of cooperative organisations.
5. What is Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)? What are different important PRA techniques?
6. What are SHGs? Explain the characteristics of SHGs.
7. Differentiate between government and non-government organizations. Discuss the role of non-government organizations in the rural development.
8. What are different policy making bodies related to cooperatives and farmers organizations? Explain their contribution in cooperative development.

## Assignment -4

Course Code: MNRE-016  
Course title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Define project. Explain significance of the projects in the country's development.
2. What are different aspects considered in the project preparation? Discuss the organizational and managerial aspects of project preparation.
3. a) What do you understand by the project implementation? Explain the different implementation periods.  
b) Differentiate between project management and general management.
4. a) Explain the relevance of objectives in cost-benefit assessment of project.  
b) Discuss the before and after approach of project evaluation.
5. Explain the meaning and need of social-cost benefit analysis. Write step by step procedure for developing social cost-benefit estimates.
6. Explain the assumption 'prices reflect value'.
7. What is a shadow price? Discuss the considerations in identification of shadow prices.
8. What is meant by mutually exclusive alternative projects? Discuss the instances of mutually exclusive alternatives and decision criteria.