ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy
(PGCAP)

Assignments for

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Dear Students,

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

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        Course title: …………………………………………
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3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom, and left of your answer sheet
5. 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 center.
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. (5x10=50)

1. Describe the areas of reforms and technological changes which led to the development of Indian Agriculture.

2. Discuss the land use pattern and distribution of landholding in India.

3. a) What do you mean by biodiversity? Briefly explain the importance of biodiversity in crop improvements.

   b) Explain the methods of germplasm conservation.

4. Describe the livestock resources which contribute significantly to the national economy.

5. Explain the need for insurance in agriculture. Discuss the various agriculture insurance schemes implemented in India.

6. a) Discuss the present position of agricultural taxation in India. Write the arguments in favor and against the progressive taxation of agricultural income.

   b) What are the important guidelines for the decentralized procurement scheme of foodgrains.

7. Explain the relationship between agriculture and the industrial sector. Explain the characteristics of small-scale industries.

8. Describe the agricultural export and import scenario in India. Briefly explain the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

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.   **(5x10=50)**

1.   Explain the concept and instruments of agricultural policy.

2.   a). What is governance? Explain the role of good governance in economic development.

         b). Explain the meaning and importance of participation in policy formulation.

3.   What do you mean by impact assessment? Explain the need for impact assessment of policy. Briefly explain the approaches of impact assessment.

4.   Explain the basic aspects which need to address adequately in the agriculture policy process to make it successful.

5   Discuss the public and private sector investment pattern in Agriculture in India.

6.   Describe the agricultural input use pattern in India.

7.   Discuss the rural poverty alleviation programmes being implemented currently in India.

8.   Explain how variation in factor endowments affects the level of agricultural development.

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.   (5x10=50)

1.   Explain the concept and forms of cooperatives.

2.   Explain the important parameters where innovations are essential to make cooperatives successful.

3.   Discuss the followings:

      a) Democratization of cooperatives

      b) Cooperatives for economic and social empowerment

4.   Discuss the cooperatives laws and bye-laws prevailing in India

5.   Write the basic principles and key paradigm of the participatory development approach.

6.   Explain the concept and role of Self Help Group in financing to poor.

7.   Explain the concept of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)? Discuss different types of NGOs.

8.   Discuss the organizations involved in cooperatives policy decisions.

Assignment -4
Course Code: MNRE-016
Course Title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.   (5x10=50)

1. Explain the meaning and essential features of the project.

2. Describe the different phases of a project cycle.

3. Explain the methods of finding appropriate market prices for project inputs and output. Also, discuss the problem in finding the appropriate market prices.

4. What do you understand by Farm Investment Analysis? Explain the Farm Budget, Net benefit Increase, and Unit Activity Budget concept of financial analysis.

5. Write short notes on the following:
   a) Shadow prices
   b) Willingness to Pay (WTP)

6. Explain how aggregate measures are useful in the socio-economic development of a country. Discuss difficulties in measuring the national income.

7. Explain the concepts of the time value of money in project analysis. Differentiate between undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth.

8. Explain the meaning and significance of sensitivity analysis. Discuss the techniques of sensitivity analysis.