

**Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Planning and Development
(PGDUPDL)**

**Assignments
(July -2014 and January - 2015 Sessions)**



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks. Irrespective of the year of registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the detailed instructions about assignments given in the Programme Guide.
2. The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

Enrolment No.....	Name & Address
Course Code and Title.....	Assignment No.....
Regional Centre (code)	Study Centre (code)

3. Use A-4 size paper for your responses, write on both sides with margin and tie all the pages carefully.
4. Write the question number with each answer.
5. **You should write in your own handwriting.**
6. **Last date for submitting the assignments for July Session is 15th March and for January Session is 15th September.**
7. Submit the assignment responses to the Coordinator of the Study Centre.

GUIDELINES

1. **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
2. **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question
3. **Make sure that your answer:**
 - a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
4. **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

Please contact the following course coordinators for any academic help / clarification

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ASSIGNMENT - 1**Course Code: MEDS-041
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are the main causes of urbanization? Explain the key features of urbanization.
2. What are the main features of urban planning in the Eleventh Five Year Plan?
3. How governance and development are related and complementary? What are the impediments in improved urban governance?
4. What is urban management? Write five components and scope of urban management.
5. Explain the significance of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992.

ASSIGNMENT - 2**Course Code: MEDS-042
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is meant by affordable housing? Who are the stakeholders in housing development?
2. What do you understand by solid waste management? Briefly give the deficiencies in the management of solid waste.
3. What are the major challenges of urban education? How education is one of the means of development?
4. What has been the change of focus in the definition of urban poverty? Does informal sector is a cause and a consequence of urban poverty?
5. What are the different types of heritage? How industrialization does challenge the urban heritage?

ASSIGNMENT – 3**Course Code: MEDS-043
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Public administration is vital to sustainable development-Explain.
2. Critically discuss the mandatory and optional urban reforms under JNNURM.
3. What is rural-urban continuum? Explain why and how rural-urban continuum is important for urban development.
4. Discuss and compare the process of fiscal decentralization of USA and of a European country.
5. Explain the changing nature of disaster management strategies.

ASSIGNMENT - 4**Course Code: MEDS-044
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Differentiate between project and programme. Write in detail about the major criterion to be considered during the appraisal of a project.
2. What do you mean by monitoring of projects? Explain different types of monitoring indicators.
3. Among reliability and validity of measuring instrument, which is more important and why?
4. What do you mean by telephonic survey? How to conduct a telephonic survey?
5. Write short notes on the following.
 - i. Problem analysis
 - ii. Principles of programme planning
 - iii. Cluster sampling
 - iv. Histogram

ASSIGNMENT – 5**Course Code: MEDS-046
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is human development? How to estimate human development? What are determining factors of human development?
2. Inclusive development is important for holistic development- Discuss why and how to promote inclusive development.
3. What are different measurements of unemployment? Discuss how to control unemployment of youth in India.
4. What are different service sectors? Critically discuss the contribution of important service sectors to economic development of India.
5. Gender and development are inter-related. Discuss various gender adversaries in the context of India.