

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

**Assignments
(July -2015 and January - 2016 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 first page of your response sheet should look like this:

Programme code : PGDUPDL
 Enrolment No.....
 Name & Address (with e-mail and mobile number)
 Course Code and Title.....
 Regional Centre (code)
 Study Centre (code)

3. Use A-4 size papers for responses, write on both sides with margin, and secure all the pages carefully.
4. Write the question with each answer. **Each question to be answered in around 400 words in your own handwriting.**
5. **Last date for submitting the assignments for July Session is 15th March and for January Session is 15th September.**
6. 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:** 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. Make sure that your answer is: logical and coherent; has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and ; is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
3. **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-41
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Distinguish between evolution of urbanization in the North and the South.
2. Discuss the main challenges of urbanization?
3. Why are urban ecosystem and climate changes not fully integrated into traditional urban planning?
4. What are the main components of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992? What are the duties of municipality?
5. What is urban management? What are the basic requirements of good urban management?

ASSIGNMENT - 2**Course Code: MEDS-42
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the concept of affordable housing in urban areas.
2. What are the types and characteristics of urban waste? Discuss the governmental measures for waste management.
3. What are the key principles of sustainable urban energy planning?
4. What are the major challenges of urban education?. Evaluate existing measures of urban education to reduce the gender gap of literacy.
5. How does heritage tourism promote the value of urban heritage?

ASSIGNMENT – 3**Course Code: MEDS-43
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is bio-diversity? What are the steps required for conservation of bio-diversity?
2. Critically discuss urban development programmes initiated by the Government of India since independence.
3. Critically discuss the rent control reforms in India.
4. What is fiscal decentralization? Discuss the fiscal decentralization in India.
5. What is disaster management? Discuss the disaster management process in the coastal region.

ASSIGNMENT - 4**Course Code: MEDS-44
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Name different project appraisal techniques. Discuss Internal Rate of Return (IRR) technique comprehensively.
2. Differentiate between appraisal, monitoring and evaluation. Discuss different types of evaluation.
3. What do you mean by levels of measurement? Explain ordinal scale of measurement.
4. Explain different sources for secondary data collection. What precautions have to be taken while using secondary data?
5. What do you mean by qualitative data? Discuss the observation method of qualitative data collection.

ASSIGNMENT – 5**Course Code: MEDSE-46
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is development paradigm? Discuss human development as an important paradigm of development for developing countries.
2. Poverty, inequality and unemployment are interrelated? Critically discuss the interrelationship and measures to promote employment.
3. What is marginalization? Illustrate how control of marginalization is important for inclusive development.
4. What is infrastructure development? Why infrastructure development is important for economic development.
5. What are the important indicators of health development?