

MPS

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2020 and January 2021 Sessions



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**M.A. (Political Science)
CORE COURSES**

Dear learner,

As explained in the Programme Guide, you will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment for each course in Political Science. This booklet contains the assignments of the first year courses of the Masters Programme in Political Science.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide.

It is important that you write the answers in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

All assignments, including these, have to be **submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre**. Remember to obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted 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 will note down the marks awarded for each assignment and forward them to the Student Evaluation Division (SED) at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Submission:

The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Session	Last Date of Submission	To be Submitted to
For July 2020 Session	March 31, 2021	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2021 Session	September 30, 2021	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

**POLITICAL THEORY (MPS-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-001
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100**

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Write a note on contemporary political theory.
2. Discuss John Rawls' theory of justice.
3. Examine the inter-relationship of duties and rights within liberal thought.
4. Discuss the Marxist view of citizenship.
5. Trace the development of the concept of Sovereignty.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on the following in about 250 words each.

6. (a) Fascist World view
(b) Patriarchy
7. (a) Technique of Non-violence
(b) Weakest link of the Chain (V. I. Lenin)
8. (a) Communitarianism
(b) Political Theory in a globalizing World
9. (a) Ideology of classical liberalism
(b) Liberal Democratic Welfare State
10. (a) Individualism
(b) Surplus Value

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORY AND PROBLEMS (MPS-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Identify the core assumptions of realist theory of International Relations. Explain how classical realist's view of international politics is different from structural realist view.
2. Describe the nature and characteristics of the state in the Third World.
3. The North continues to be a voracious consumer and the South continues to be in want and misery'. Assess the statement in the context of global environmental degradation.
4. How does feminism define power? Explain the core ideas of feminism in international relations.
5. In what ways regionalism acts as catalyst for peace and stability. Give your assessment in the context of ASEAN's role.

SECTION-II

Write a short note on the following in about 250 words each:

6. (a) Globalization and globalism
(b) Democratic peace theory
7. (a) Theory of center and periphery
(b) WTO and developing countries
8. (a) Theory of nuclear deterrence
(b) Marxist approach to the study of IR
9. (a) Ricardo's theory of comparative advantage
(b) 'Tied' aid and 'untied' aid
10. (a) 'Self-help' system
(b) South-South cooperation

**INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100**

Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Explain how democracy and development are related to each other.
2. Discuss the nature of relationship between police, army and bureaucracy.
3. What are the causes of internal migration? Explain.
4. Discuss the working of federal system in India.
5. Compare the main provisions of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.

SECTION-II

6. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Sustainable Development
 - b) Caste Inequalities
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Media and Democracy
 - b) Ethnic politics
8. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Economic reforms and working class
 - b) The basis of regionalism
9. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Gender and Justice
 - b) Substantive Democracy
10. Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Language and politics in India.
 - b) Role of civil society in Indian democracy.

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS: ISSUES AND TRENDS (MPS-004)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-004
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100**

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Evaluate the significance of comparative method in the study of politics.
2. What are the core elements that constitute a state? Discuss the different theories regarding the origin of the state.
3. What is a nation? Explain Benedict Anderson's view of nation as an 'imagined' political community.
4. In what ways the transnational corporations eroded the sovereignty of the governments?
5. The existence of civil society is a necessary precondition for the existence of democracy. Comment.

SECTION-II

Write a short note on the following in about 250 words each:

6. (a) Structural-functional approach
(b) Dependency and underdevelopment
7. (a) Hegel's view of civil-society
(b) Self-determination and secession
8. (a) Relevance of Constitutionalism in state-building
(b) Gandhian perspective of the state
9. (a) Stateless nation
(b) System approach in comparative politics
10. (a) Feminist perspective on development
(b) Creole nationalism
