

MPS

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2019 and January 2020 Sessions



**School of Social Sciences
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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 2019 Session	March 31, 2020	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2020 Session	September 30, 2020	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

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

**Course Code: MPS-001
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2019-20
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. Explain the major functions and significance political theory.
2. Discuss the meaning, nature and evolution of democracy in the 20th century.
3. Critically examine the Rawls authoritarian conception of social justice.
4. Explain the concept sovereignty and the pluralistic critique of Anstey's sovereignty.
5. Explain the meaning, nature and Marxist conception of equality.

SECTION- II

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

6. (a) Duties and Rights
(b) Marxist view of Democracy
7. (a) Rise of liberalism
(b) Welfare state today
8. (a) Historical Materialism
(b) Rise and growth of Nationalism
9. (a) Mao's motion of Democracy
(b) Marxism and Democratic Socialism
10. (a) Theories of Nationalism
(b) Human Rights

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

**Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2019-20
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. Discuss any two approaches to the study International Relations.
2. Examine the Feminist approach in International Relations.
3. Critically examine international debates in the context of global environmental crisis.
4. Examine the world view from Asia, Africa and Latin America.
5. Explain the changing nature of international relations in the post-war era.

SECTION- II

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

6. a) International relations since second world war
b) International Terrorism
7. a) Core characteristics of global corporatism
b) Internationalisation of Human Rights
8. a) Changing nature of America's poor rights
b) Emergence of Central America Republics
9. a) Major issues of Indigenous Movements
b) Transnational communities and civilization movements
10. a) Post-second world war international organisations
b) Concept of Justice in International Relations.

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

Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2019-20
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. Discuss the significance of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment in Indian democracy
2. Critically examine the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The idea of planning
 - b) The Karachi resolution
3. Discuss the main challenges of ethnicity for the nation-state of India.
4. Critically Examine the Basic Minimum Needs approach towards human development.
5. "Political Participation has made the Indian democracy more inclusive". Explain your views on this statement.

SECTION-II

6. Write notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Gender and Development
 - b) Judicial Review
7. Write notes on the following in about 250 words:
 - a) Characteristics of Migrants
 - b) Principles of Sustainable Development
8. How democracy and development are related to each other? Comment.
9. Analyse the following in about 250 words:
 - a) Economic consequences of liberalisation
 - b) Role of media in Indian democracy
10. Enumerate the similarities and differences between substantive and procedural types of democracy.

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

**Course Code: MPS-004
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2019-20
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. Critically examine dependency theory as a paradigm of understanding underdevelopment in post-colonial societies.
2. Explain the basic tenets of David Easton's general system theory.
3. What is a state? Analyse the difference between Marxist and social contract theory of the origin of states.
4. What is nationalism? What are the different approaches to the study of nationalism?
5. Evaluate the impact of globalization on nature and functioning of states.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on each part of the question in about 250 words.

6. a) Gabriel Almond's Structural Functional Approach
b) Regional integration in South East Asia
7. a) Patterns of anti-colonial struggles
b) Gandhian perspective of the modern State
8. a) International organization and state sovereignty
b) Scramble of Africa
9. a) Neo-Marxism
b) State building and nation building
10. a) Political economy approach in Comparative Politics
b) Role of civil society in democracy
