

EPS-15

**Bachelor Degree Programme
(BDP)**

**SOUTH ASIA: ECONOMY SOCIETY AND
POLITICS (EPS 15)**

ASSIGNMENT 2021

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ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for an eight-credit elective course in the Discipline of Political Science. This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA).

It is important that you write answer to all TMA questions in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, the constant practice while writing answers to assignment questions help you to write better answers to questions in term-end examination.

The TMA is designed to enable you to write answers to different categories of questions. The Assignment is divided into three sections. Section 1 comprises 2 descriptive questions of 20 marks each. Descriptive Category Questions are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. Here, the evaluators have been asked to judge your ability to describe that you know about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section II comprises 4 questions that of 12 marks each. Here, you are requested to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise as well as precise manner. The evaluator shall assess your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or, present clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Section III comprises 2 questions of 6 marks each. These are meant to enhance your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writings, events, exact definition to terms, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Submission:

This assignment should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre two months prior to the Term End Examination. Therefore, the last date for submission of assignment is as follows:

31st March, 2021 for the students appearing in the June 2021 Term End Examination

30th September, 2021 for the students appearing in December 2021 Term End Examination

If you have already submitted assignment for this course and the same has been evaluated and sent to the Student Evaluation Division (SED), you need not attempt this assignment.

Please **obtain receipt from the Study Centre for the submitted assignment and retain it.** If possible, keep a xerox copy of this assignment with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SED Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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Tutor Marked Assignment

Course Code: EPS-15
Assignment Code: Asst/ TMA/2021
Total Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Answer all the questions. Answer in your own words.

A) DCQ: Answer in about 500 words each. 20x2

- 1) What do you mean by Human Development? Highlight the major reasons for poor human development in South Asia.
- 2) What do you mean by pluralism? What have been the challenges in managing pluralism in South Asia?

B) MCQ: Answer in about 250 words. 12x4

- 3) Roots of democracy were weak in Pakistan right from inception. Evaluate with reference to the frequent military rule in Pakistan
- 4) Briefly explain the root causes of Tamil extremism in Sri Lanka.
- 5) What are the key challenges confronting SAARC in realizing its objectives?
- 6) What are the main grievances of hill tribes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts against the government of Bangladesh?

C) SCQ: Write a short note on any two of the following in about 100 words each. 6x2

- 7) Maoism in Nepal
- 8) India-Bhutan relations
