

**BPSC109**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS  
(BAPSH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**January 2021 Session**

**BPSC -109: POLITICAL PROCESSES AND  
INSTITUTIONS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**



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Dear Student,

This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BPSC 109 Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective**, which is a six credit course. You will have to do all three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 per cent.

Assignment One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment Two has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to clearly understand concepts and processes.

Assignment Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions 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.

**Submission: You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Last Date of Submission</b>	<b>Whom to submit</b>
<b>January 2021 Session</b>	<b>October 31, 2021</b>	<b>The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>

Please submit your assignment to the Coordinator of your Study Centre and obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted. Retain the receipt and keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

**Wishing you all the best,  
Faculty of Political Science**

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**(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

**Course code: BPSC-109**

**Assignment Code: BPSC-109/ASST/TMA/2021**

**Marks: 100**

**Answer all questions in each Section.**

**Assignment - I**

**Answer the following in about 500 words each. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Critically examine political culture as an approach to the study of comparative politics.
2. Examine the role of pressure groups in modern politics.

**Assignment - II**

**Answer the following questions in about 250 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

1. Examine the importance of pluralism for contemporary states.
2. Describe the structuralist explanation of democratization process in the developing countries.
3. Examine the reasons for the chequered democratic process in post-colonial countries.

**Assignment - III**

**Write a short note on the following in about 100 words each. Each short note carries 6 marks.**

1. Representative function of political parties.
2. Federal features of Canadian constitution.
3. Features of Single Transferable Vote System.
4. Concept of popular sovereignty.
5. Procedural and substantive democracy.