

BPAC-131

BACHELOR OF ARTS

PROGRAMME (BAG)

ASSIGNMENT

(July 2020 Session and January 2021 Session)

BPAC-131 PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) for a six credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BPAC- 131 'Perspectives on Public Administration,'** which is a six credit course. The total marks of the three TMAs add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment A 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 your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Assignment B has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyze 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 distinguish, compare and contrast, or clear understanding of the concepts and processes.

Assignment C has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, 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.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit the assignments of all Courses within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. You cannot appear for term-end examination of a Course/s for, which the assignments are not submitted.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination to the Coordinator of your study centre. This assignment is valid for two admission cycles (**July 2020 and January 2021**). Those who are enrolled in **July 2020**, they have to submit the assignment latest by **April 30, 2021**; and those enrolled in **January 2021**, they have to submit the assignment latest by **October 31, 2021**. You must 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 has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question, as per guidelines for each category, as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:
 - a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

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Tutor Marked Assignments

Course Code: BPAC-131

Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/July 2020 & January 2021

Total Marks: 100

Assignment A

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the principles and characteristics of Scientific Management. 20
2. Write a note on the Postmodern trends in Public Administration. 20

Assignment B

Answer the following in about 250 words each.

3. Briefly discuss Henry Fayol's views on the Administrative Management Approach. 10
4. Make an appraisal of the Human Relations Approach. 10
5. Discuss the conceptual framework of New Public Management. 10

Assignment C

Answer the following in about 100 words each.

6. What is the difference between Programmed and Non-Programmed Decisions? 06
7. What do you understand by Organisational Equilibrium? 06
8. Write a short note on David Easton's Views on Public Policy Approach. 06
9. Define the terms Governance and Good Governance. 06
10. Differentiate between 'gender of governance' and 'governance of gender'. 06