

BPSC133

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT 2020-2021

BPSC -133: COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS



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TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

Evaluation in 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) whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %. This Assignment booklet has three TMAs for the core course **BPSC 133- Comparative Government and Politics**, which is a six-credit course.

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 these assignments together within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

If you are enrolled for this course in July 2020, you should submit this Assignment by 30th April 2021. Those enrolled for this course in January 2021 session should submit by 31st October 2021. You are, however, advised to avoid the last minute rush and submit the assignment well before the deadline.

Like all other assignments, this should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. Your Regional Centre may allow you to submit this assignment online on its website. Please visit the website of your Regional Centre to check if online submission facility is available.

Always, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre/Regional Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated.

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) **Organisation:** 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 neatly for submission. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.
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Wishing you all the best,

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Course code: BPSC-133

Assignment Code: BPSC-133/ASST/TMA/2020-21

Marks: 100

Answer all questions in the three Assignments and submit them together.

Assignment - I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

1. Critically examine the nature and scope of Comparative Politics. 20
2. Examine the challenges to sovereignty of nation-state in the globalising world. 20

Assignment - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

3. Examine of the notion of civil society in the post-colonial context 10
4. Explain presidential system and highlight its major features. 10
5. Briefly describe the core features of a federal form of government. 10

Assignment - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

6. Distinguish pressure groups from political parties and interest groups. 6
7. Can case studies be used to draw comparative explanations? Give examples. 6
8. Bring out the distinctions between totalitarian and authoritarian regimes 6
9. Describe the functions of political parties in democratic politics. 6
10. What are the core assumptions of classical pluralism? 6
