

BPSC 131

**BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAMME
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT 2020-21

**BPSC -131: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL
THEORY**



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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, 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) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BPSC 131 Introduction to Political Theory**, which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

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.

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. .

Students enrolled for July 2020 should submit their assignments by 30th April 2021 and those enrolled for January 2021 by 31st October 2021. All assignments should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre.

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. 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.

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.

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science.

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Marks: 100

There are three Sections in the Assignment. You have to answer all questions in the Sections.

Assignment - I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

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| 1. Write a note on politics as a political activity. | 20 |
| 2. Examine the interrelationship of political theory and other related terms. | 20 |

Assignment - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

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| 3. Discuss Isaiah Berlin's two concepts of liberty. | 10 |
| 4. What is equality of opportunity? Explain. | 10 |
| 5. Describe the salient features of John Rawls' theory of justice. | 10 |

Assignment - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

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| 6. Nature of Rights | 6 |
| 7. Democracy –Minimalist and Substantive dimensions | 6 |
| 8. Civil Society | 6 |
| 9. Inter –relationship of democracy and economic growth | 6 |
| 10. Censorship | 6 |