

BPSC 134

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

ASSIGNMENT 2020-21

**BPSC-134: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**



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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-143: Introduction to International Relations**, 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.

**This assignment is for students enrolled for July 2020 and January 2021 sessions. Students enrolled for July 2020 session should submit the assignment by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, and students enrolled for January 2021 session should submit it by 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Wishing you all the best,**

**Faculty of Political Science.**

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**(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

**Course code: BPSC-134**

**Assignment Code:BPSC-134/ASST/TMA/2020-21**

**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.**

1. Discuss the salient features of national power. 20
2. Analyse the causes of the First World War. 20

**Assignment – II**

**Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.**

3. Explain the features of neoliberalism. 10
4. What are the salient features of Immanuel Wallerstein’s Systems approach? 10
5. Write a critique of Dependency Theory. 10

**Assignment – III**

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.**

6. What is Brexit? 6
7. Discuss the role of IMF. 6
8. Explain the concept of digital globalization. 6
9. Write a note on BRICS. 6
10. Explain the features of regionalism. 6