

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**(For January 2018 and
July 2018 Sessions)**

**Certificate in Organic Farming
(COF)**



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Dear Learners,

As you are aware that for theory, the weightage to the term-end examination will be 80% and the weightage to the continuous assessment will be 20%. The continuous assessment is in form of assignments. There is one assignment for each course i.e. total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 20% of theory. Instructions to format your assignments are as follows:

Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.

1. First of all, read the assignment questions and instructions and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses. Write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials / blocks provided for self- learning purpose. We also suggest that, you may read additional available in your study centre or in any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.

Enrollment no:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Course Code:.....

Course Title:.....

Study Centre:.....

Date:.....

(Name and Code)

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet.
5. Clearly indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission (For January, 2018)	Last date of submission (For July, 2018)
Assignment 1 (BAP-001)	30 th April, 2018	15 th September, 2018
Assignment 2 (BAPI-001)	(Before submission of	(Before submission of
Assignment 3 (BAPI-002) &	TEExam Form)	TEExam Form)
Assignment 4 (BAPI-003)		

6. Assignments have to be sent to the coordinator of your study centre. You can submit all your assignments before submission of exam form for Term-End-Examination (TEE). Assignment should be submitted before the submission of TEEExam Form as per the University schedule. However, with late fee assignment can be submitted till last day of the submission TEEExam form.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck!

Assignment - 1
Course Code: BAP-001
Course Title: Introduction to Organic Farming

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Explain concepts of organic farming and “Farm as an Organism”. 10
- Q.2. How the chemical use in Agriculture is hazardous to the Eco-system? Explain with suitable examples. 10
- Q.3. Describe the present system of marketing of organic produce with suitable examples. Recently launched govt. schemes are helpful or not, explain in your words. 10
- Q.4. Explain the recommended farming practices on an organic farm. 10
- Q.5. How the Traditional knowledge is helpful in organic farming? Explain in your words with suitable examples. 10

Assignment - 2
Course Code: BAPI-001
Course Title: Organic Production System

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Discuss water management in organic farming. 10
- Q.2. Explain the benefits of Green Manuring? Write the common features of 05 important green manuring crops. 10
- Q.3. “For a successful organic farming, soil fertility management is an integral part”. Explain this sentence in your opinion with suitable examples. 10
- Q.4. Write about the land preparation of cereals, oilseed and pulse crops with suitable examples. 10
- Q.5. Discuss Pest Management in Organic Farming. 10

Assignment - 3
Course Code: BAPI-002
Course Title: Inspection and certification of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. What are the differences between inspection and certification? Give detailed account of internal Review and quality management of Inspection and Certification bodies. 10
- Q.2. How the chain of custody is helpful in maintaining integrity of organic food products? Describe. 10
- Q.3. What do you mean by certificate of conformity? Discuss about various certificates. 10
- Q.4. What are the benefits of certification of organic food products? Explain with example. Also discuss the identification characteristics of a certified organic products. 10
- Q.5. What do you mean by Participatory Group Certification (PGC)? How it is helpful in promotion of organic farming in our country? 10

Assignment - 4
Course Code: BAPI-003
Course Title: Economics and Marketing of Organic Produce

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Discuss present marketing system of organic products in our country. 10
- Q.2. Organic farming is considered as profitable form of farming. Please explain your opinion with suitable examples. 10
- Q.3. Explain the features of all Govt. Schemes available for promotion of organic farming in this country. 10
- Q.4. Describe the supply chain of organic spices and fruits and vegetables. 10
- Q.5. The supply of organic products in the country is still not sufficient. According to you, what strategies are required to enhance the supply of organic products? 10