ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

January 2020 and July 2020 Sessions

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Dear Students,

As you are aware that the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75 per cent and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 25 % of total marks.

Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.
1. First of all read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub sections of a unit while preparing your responses and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that, you may read additional materials 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 the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format**.

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    Course title: …………………………………………
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3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4 cm 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 your answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission	
	January, 2020 session	**July, 2020 session**
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	24th February, 2020	28th September, 2020
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	2nd March , 2020	5th October, 2020
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	9th March, 2020	12th October, 2020
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	16th March, 2020	19th October, 2020

6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

    Wishing you good luck.

Assignment -1

Course Code: MNR-001
Course title: Indian Agricultural Development

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Describe the process of evolution of agriculture and developments in modern agriculture.

2. Discuss the trend in production of major agricultural produce after independence.

3. Explain the importance, progress and tools of land reforms implemented in India.

4. Explain the growth, characteristics and conditions of agricultural labour in India.

5. Discuss the salient features of the current agricultural insurance scheme being implemented at the national level in India. Explain how this scheme is different from preceding insurance schemes.

6. Explain the importance of developing storage and warehousing facilities in an economy. Discuss about development of storage and warehousing infrastructure in the country.

7. What do you understand by agricultural pricing policy? Explain the price policy formulation mechanism.

8. How ICT is contributing in the growth of agricultural economy? Discuss the recent ICT initiatives in agriculture sector.

Assignment -2

Course Code: MNR-002

Course title: Agriculture Policy: Formulation, Components, Implementation and Comparative Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What are different sectors and sub-sectors in agriculture? Discuss the need of policy integration of sectors and sub-sectors?

2. Discuss the common steps followed in the policy formulation process. Explain the importance and process of getting feedback at the time of policy formulation.

3. What is meant by policy implementation? Explain the important problems and models of policy implementation.

4. What are the reasons for failure of policy? Suggest the measure to make agriculture policy a success.

5. Explain the scenario of demand and supply of water in the country. Suggest the policy measures for proper water utilization in the country.

6. Discuss the importance, pattern and magnitude of investment in Indian agriculture.

7. Describe the trend in use of various agricultural inputs in India

8. Explain the importance of agricultural development in building up pre-conditions for take-off of the economy and transformation of the socio-economic structure.

Assignment -3

Course Code: MNRE-015
Course title: Cooperatives and Farmers Organizations

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain how cooperatives are autonomous association of persons. Discuss the development of cooperatives in India.

2. Discuss the structure and contribution of credit cooperative societies in India.

3. Discuss the formulation, functioning and structure of any two successful cooperatives in agriculture.

4. Describe various laws and bye-laws framed for the successful operation of cooperative organizations in India.

5. Explain the following:
    a) Training needs of cooperatives' personnel
    b) Impact of economic liberalization on cooperatives

6. What is meant by people's participation? Explain the philosophy and key paradigm of participatory development approach.

7. Explain the concept and characteristics of self help groups (SHG). Discuss the role of SHGs in empowerment of rural people.

8. Discuss about the different organizations involved in the policy decisions of cooperative organizations.

Assignment -4

Course Code: MNRE-016
Course title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What do you understand by plan and project? Discuss the significance of projects in development of a country.

2. Discuss the various aspects which are considered in designing and implementation of a project.

3. Explain the concepts of marginal value products and opportunity cost with the help of hypothetical data.

4. Explain the format and elements of farm investment analysis.

5. What do you understand by financial prices and economic values? Explain how financial prices are adjusted to economic values?

6. Discuss the uses of aggregates measures of national economy and difficulty in measuring these aggregate measures.

7. Differentiate between undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth. Explain the different undiscounted measures using suitable examples.

8. What is meant by sensitivity analysis? Explain the techniques of sensitivity analysis.