

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**(For January 2014 and
July 2014 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, 2014)	Last date of submission (For July, 2014)
Assignment 1 (BAP-001)	31 st March, 2014	31 st July, 2014
Assignment 2 (BAPI-001)	30 th April, 2014	17 th August, 2014
Assignment 3 (BAPI-002)	15 th May, 2014	7 th September, 2014
Assignment 4 (BAPI-003)	30 th May, 2014	21 st September, 2014

6. Assignments have to be sent to the 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: BAP-001
Course Title: Introduction to Organic Farming

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

- Q.1. Define organic farming. Give your opinion about the organic farming and food security particularly under current indian agricultural situation. 10
- Q.2. Organic farming is receiving attention from the consumers but not from the policy makers? Why? Give your opinion. 10
- Q.3. Explain the status of organic food production at International Level. 10
- Q.4. What are the common national standards for organic food production? Define in detail. 10
- Q.5. How the national and international standards are helpful in the promotion of organic farming in India? Give a holistic view about it. 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. How the trees help organic production system? Explain with suitable examples. 10
- Q.2. Differentiate between the features of land preparation for cereals and pulse crops. Give suitable examples to satisfy your analysis. 10
- Q.3. The fertility of the soil under organic farm is better in comparison with the soil under conventional farm. Give its reasons. 10
- Q.4. Explain various methods of pest control under organic farming with suitable examples. 10
- Q.5. Explain the significance of bio-control agent use in the pest management under organic farming. Describe their important features. 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. Internal Control System (ICS) is an essential requirement under organic farming. 10
Explain this statement in your words. Also define ICS.
- Q.2. Why accreditation of a certification body is essential? Explain. Also describe major 10
criteria of the accreditation of certification bodies as per NPOP.
- Q.3. How the proper formats help in the collection and inspection of information for the 10
certification of an organic farm? Explain with enlisting the formats for documentation.
- Q.4. “The chain of custody is an essential requirement for ensuring the compliance of 10
standards in organic farming”. Describe this statement in your own words with
suitable examples and also explain the requirements for the chain of custody.
- Q.5. How a former/ processor/ exports gets the authority of use of “India Organic Logo”? 10
Give full explanation about the process of obtaining the license of use of this logo.

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. “It is often quoted that organic farming is more profitable than the chemical farming”. 10
Why? Describe with giving the benefit: cost ratio.
- Q.2. “The marketing of organic food products are not regulated in our country” why it is 10
so? Describe with examples.
- Q.3. How the Govt. schemes are helpful in spreading the acreage of organic farming in 10
India? Explain. Describe the salient features of important govt. schemes available for
organic farming.
- Q.4. What should be the strategy to develop a good marketing system for organic food 10
products? Give brief analysis.
- Q.5. Explain the supply chain for organic spices. 10