

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

**(For January 2017 and  
July 2017 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.

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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.

<b>Assignment No.</b>	<b>Last date of submission (For January, 2017)</b>	<b>Last date of submission (For July, 2017)</b>
Assignment 1 (BAP-001)	30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
Assignment 2 (BAPI-001)		
Assignment 3 (BAPI-002) & 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. What in the base of Organic Farming? Explain with the help of concepts of organic farming and “Farm as an Organism”. 10
- Q.2. How the chemical use in Agriculture in hazardous to the Eton-system? Explain with the convergence of chemical farming. 10
- Q.3. Describe the present system of marketing of organic produce with suitable examples. It should include domestic and international examples. 10
- Q.4. What do you mean by LEISA farming approach? Explain with suitable examples. 10
- Q.5. How the Traditional knowledge are 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. What are the common plants used for preparation of Bio-pesticides? Explain the features of 05 such plants about their bio logical activities. 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 y our opinion with suitable examples. 10
- Q.4. Write about the land preparation of cereals, oilseed and pulse crops with suitable examples. 10
- Q.5. Describe the characteristics of Bio-fertilizers and their types. How Bio-fertilizers are different than organic manures? Explain. 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 of organic farm? 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 integrity of organic food products? Describe in your language. 10
- Q.3. What are important certificates issued for various activities of organic business? Explain. 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. Explain various marketing systems for organic food products in this 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