

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

**Assignments for
January 2013
and
July 2013 Sessions**



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Dear Student,

As you are aware that the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75% and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25%. 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 the 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.**

Enrolment no.:

Name:

Address:

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Course Code:

Course title:

Study Centre:

(Name and Code)

Date:

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 number and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission	
	January, 2013 Session	July, 2013 Session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	31 st January, 2013	31 st July, 2013
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	17 th February, 2013	17 ^h August, 2013
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	2 nd March, 2013	07 th September, 2013
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	23 st March, 2013	21 st September, 2013

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. Answer the question in about 700 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Discuss the role and importance of agriculture sector in Indian Economy.	10
2.	Discuss the followings: (i) Relationship between agriculture and industry (ii) Factors leading trade distortions	5 5
3.	Agricultural research that does not have linkage with extension system and an extension system that is not based on research are meaningless. Explain.	10
4.	Discuss the important of Public Distribution System in India. Explain the innovative measures attempted to make the system effective.	10
5.	(i) What Do you mean by sustainable agriculture? Differentiate between sustainable and modern agriculture. (ii) Discuss the role of cooperatives in economic development.	5 5
6.	Discuss the land reforms enacted in India after independence.	10
7.	Discuss the composition of agricultural laborers in India. Also discuss the causes for growth of agricultural laborer and reasons for their degrading situation.	10
8.	Discuss the sub-systems linked with agricultural development.	10
9.	Explain the importance of Information and Communication Technology in agricultural development.	10

Assignment-2

Course Code: MNR-002
Course Title: Agriculture Policy: Formulation, Components, Implementation and Comparative Analysis

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. Answer the question in about 700 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Define the term 'Policy'. Explain the major components of agricultural policy.	10
2.	(i) Explain the characteristics of good process of policy formulation. (ii) Why integration of agricultural policy is required with other related sectors.	5 5
3.	What is meant by policy impact assessment? Discuss the important tools for impact assessment.	10
4.	What do you mean by policy implementation? Discuss its approaches.	10

5.	Explain how resource scarcity induces the technological changes?	10
6.	Briefly explain the components of National Agricultural Policy.	10
7.	Explain the followings: (i) Agricultural policies of China and India (ii) Present Agricultural Policy of US	5 5
8.	What is governance? Explain the importance of good governance and its elements.	10

Assignment-3

Course Code: MNRE-015

Course title: Cooperatives and Farmers' Organizations

Maximum marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. Answer the question in about 700 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Explain the concept and evolution of cooperatives. Also explain the growth of cooperatives in developed countries.	10
2.	Discuss the contribution of cooperative sector in Indian Economy.	10
3.	Discuss the innovations required in the cooperative sector to make it successful.	10
4.	What do you mean by business cooperatives? Discuss the area of operations and contributions of any one business cooperative.	10
5.	Discuss the various laws and bye-laws related to cooperatives.	10
6.	What do you understand by the people's participation? Explain the participatory rural appraisal technique of involving peoples in any programme / project.	10
7.	Define Self Help Group (SHG). Discuss the salient features of SHG-bank Linkage programme.	10
8.	Discuss the role of NGOs in rural and agricultural development.	10

Assignment -4

Course Code: MNRE-016

Course title: Project Analysis

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. Answer the question in about 700 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Define project. Discuss the significance of project in development of economy.	10
2.	Discuss the various phases through which a project passes.	10
3.	Explain the followings: (a) Evaluation approaches of projects (b) Secondary cost and benefits	5 5

4.	What do you understand of farm investment analysis? Discuss its elements.	10
5.	What is meant by financial ratio? Discuss the commonly used ratio in financial ratio.	10
6.	(a) Discuss the important sources of appropriate market prices of project inputs and outputs. (b) What do you understand by time value of money? Give its importance in project analysis.	5 5
7.	Discuss the followings: (a) Valuation of intangible costs/benefits (b) Real and nominal aggregates	5 5
8.	Discuss the discounted measures of project worth using hypothetical data.	10