

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

Assignments for

**January 2014
and
July 2014 Sessions**



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Dear Student,

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 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, 2014 session	July, 2014 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	5 th March, 2014	13 th August, 2014
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	12 th March, 2014	27 th August, 2014
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	19 th March, 2014	10 th September, 2014
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	26 th March, 2014	24 th September, 2014

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.

(5x10=50)

1. (a)	Describe the status of Agriculture in pre-historic era.
(b)	Discuss the importance of agriculture in Indian Economy.
2.	Describe the areas of reforms and technological changes which led to the development of Indian Agriculture.
3. (a)	Describe the size and composition of agricultural labour in India
(b)	Explain the methods of germplasm conservation.
4.	Describe the important livestock resources which contribute significantly in the national economy.
5.	Classify the agricultural credit structure and flow of agricultural credit in India.
6. (a)	Discuss the present position of agricultural taxation in India. Write the arguments in favour and against the progressive taxation of agricultural income.
(b)	What are the important guidelines for decentralized procurement scheme of foodgrains.
7.	Explain the relationship between agriculture and industrial sector. Explain the characteristics of small scale industries.
8.	What do you understand by diversification? Explain the scope of agricultural diversification.

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. Define the term “Agricultural policy”. Discuss the importance of agriculture policies in agricultural development in the country.
2. Explain the steps involved in preparation of draft policy document.
3. Explain the concept and elements of governance. What is the role of governance in economic development?
4. Discuss the recent initiatives taken in India to improve agricultural marketing
- 5 (a) Explain the need of water use policies.
(b) Discuss the public and private sector investment pattern in Agriculture in India.
6. Describe the agricultural input use pattern in India.
7. What are the latest developments in agriculture policy of United State of America? Explain in Brief.
8. Explain how variation in factor endowments affect the level of agricultural development.

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 the concept and evolution of cooperatives. Briefly explain the principal of cooperatives.
2. Discuss the cooperatives laws and bye-laws prevailing in India.
3. Briefly discuss the followings:
 - (a) Role of cooperatives in economic development
 - (b) Economic reforms in cooperatives
4. Discuss the need and essential features of National Policy on Cooperatives.
5. Explain the philosophy and approach of participatory development.
6. Explain the role of Self Help Group in financing to poor. Enumerate the characteristics and advantages of SHGs.
7. Explain the concept of Non-Government Organizations (NGO)? Write your view on the role of NGOs in rural development.
8. Discuss about the organizations involved in cooperatives policy decisions.

Assignment -4
Course Code: MNRE-016
Course title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

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

1. Define the term 'Project'. Write the significance of project in economic development.
2. Describe the different phases of project cycle. Briefly mention about the various aspects to be considered in project preparation.
3. Define the marginal value product and opportunity costs. What is the working rule for determining a market price for the agricultural project output?
4. Explain the role of objectives in costs and benefits assessments. Also explain the approaches of project evaluation.
5. Write short notes on the followings:
 - a) Farm Investment Analysis
 - b) Economic valuation of labour
 - c) WTP
 - (d) Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
6. Discuss the various concepts used and difficulties in measuring the national income.
7. Explain the concepts of time value of money in project analysis. Differentiate between undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth.
8. Explain the meaning and significance of sensitivity analysis. Discuss the techniques of sensitivity analysis.