

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)**

**Assignments for**

**January 2015  
and  
July 2015 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, 2015 session	July, 2015 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015	31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2015
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015

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. Discuss the current status of agricultural production in India.
2. Describe the size and composition of agricultural labour in India. Explain the various steps taken by the government to protect the interest of agricultural labour.
3. Explain the cooperative credit structure along with its contribution in agricultural credit in India.
4.
  - a) What is the role of support prices in managing agriculture production? Explain.
  - b) Discuss the characteristics of agriculture sector which differentiate it from industry.
5. Explain the storage need, government plan and agencies involved in storage of food grains.
6. Discuss the scope and benefits of diversification in agriculture. Also explain the constraints in diversification of agriculture.
7. What do you understand by rural industrialization? Discuss the features and problems of rural industrialization.
8.
  - a) Explain the pre-sowing and plant protection practices undertaken by the traditional farming community.
  - b) Discuss the distribution of land according to problems.

## **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 is meant by agriculture policy? Discuss the instruments of agriculture policy.
2. Explain the main ingredients of policy formulation process.
3. What are the tools and techniques of policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation? Explain.
4. Define governance. What is the importance of good governance in India? Discuss the role of e-governance in Indian agriculture.
5. Discuss the recent initiatives taken by the government for improvement in agricultural marketing.
6. Describe the pattern of use of various farm inputs in India.
7. (a) Discuss the Rostow's stages of economic development.  
(b) What are the objectives of Common Policy of EU?
8. Explain the followings:
  - a) Role of MNREGA in rural employment
  - b) Application of Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) measures under WTO

### **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. Discuss the different forms of agricultural and rural development cooperatives.
2. Explain the formation, functioning and structure of IFFCO and KRIBHCO.
3. Describe the role of the Registrar of Cooperatives in operation of cooperative societies.
4. Discuss the challenges and impact of liberalization on cooperative sector.
5. Describe the characteristics, importance and principles of people's participation in agricultural and rural development.
6. Differentiate between Government and Non Government Organizations (NGO). Discuss the role of NGOs in rural development.
7. Discuss the role of following organizations in policy decisions related to cooperative sector:
  - a) NCUI
  - b) NCDC
8. Briefly explain the followings:
  - a) Process of SHG formation
  - b) Management of cooperatives

**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 are the different types of projects? Explain.
2. Discuss the approaches used in economic evaluation of projects.
3. Discuss the important points in finding appropriate market prices for project inputs and outputs.
4. Describe the important guidelines for the preparation of farm investment analysis.
5. Differentiate between financial prices and economic values. Discuss how financial prices of labour and land and natural resource can be adjusted to economic value.
6. What are the various measures of national income? Discuss in detail.
7. Enlist the undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth. Explain the significance and formulas of discounted measures.
8. Discuss the investment criteria for selecting among mutually exclusive alternatives and entirely different projects.