

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

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Dear Students,

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 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:
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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 no. 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)	1 st February, 2016	1 st August, 2016
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	15 th February, 2016	16 th August, 2016
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	1 st March, 2016	1 st September, 2016
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	18 th March, 2016	19 th September, 2016

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.

- 1) (a) What are the developments took place in agriculture during pre-historic era?
(b) Discuss the scope of the Indian agriculture to serve the human being.
- 2) Discuss the role played by the education, research and extension in Indian agriculture.
- 3) Discuss the factors considered by the farmers in selecting the crops and cropping pattern.
- 4) Discuss the size and composition of agricultural labour in India.
- 5) What are the various sources of agricultural finance in India? Discuss the flow of agricultural credit in India.
- 6) Describe the initiatives taken for the growth of agricultural research in India.
- 7) Explain the following:
 - (a) Price parity
 - (b) Decentralized procurement of food grains
- 8) Describe the relationship between agriculture and industry. What are the important features of rural industries?

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 agriculture policy? Discuss the instruments of agriculture policy.
- 2) Explain the ingredients and steps of the policy formulation process.

- 3) What do you mean by policy implementation? Discuss the approaches and styles of policy implementation.
- 4) What do you understand by policy failure in agriculture? Suggest the measures to make the agriculture policy a success.
- 5) Discuss the concept and trends of agriculture investment.
- 6) Discuss the contribution of farm sector to non-farm sector *vis-a-vis* non-farm sector to farm sector.
- 7) Describe the rural development experiences of the different Asian countries.
- 8) Discuss the emergence and importance of globalization in the world trade.

Assignment -3

Course Code: MNRE-015

Course Title: Project Analysis

Maximum Marks: 50

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

- 1) Explain the concept, evolution and growth of cooperatives in India.
- 2) Discuss the guiding principles of cooperatives by which cooperatives are evaluated for their success.
- 3) Discuss about the following:
 - (a) Business cooperatives
 - (b) Cooperatives for economic and social empowerment
- 4) Discuss about the structure and management of cooperatives in India.
- 5) (a) Write the major problems relating to management of cooperatives.
(b) What are the objectives of the national policy on cooperatives?
- 6) What do you understand by the people's participation? Discuss the importance and principles of participation.
- 7) What is self help group (SHG)? Explain the process of SHG formation.
- 8) What do you understand by Non-Government Organizations (NGO)? Discuss the role of NGOs in rural development.

Assignment -4

Course Code: MNRE-016

Course Title: Project Analysis

Maximum Marks: 50

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

- 1) State the meaning and features of a project. What is the significance of project in economic development?
- 2) Discuss the various aspects which should be considered in project planning and implementation.
- 3) What are different types of costs and benefits associated with the project? Discuss in detail.
- 4) Write note on the following:
 - (a) Problems in finding the market prices
 - (b) Balance sheet and its components
- 5) What do you understand by the financial ratios? Discuss the various types of financial ratio along with their uses.
- 6) What is the concept of economic values? How to adjust financial prices to economic value?
- 7) Discuss the methods of measuring the national income.
- 8) Explain the concepts of time value of money in project analysis. Differentiate between undiscounted and discounted measures of project worth.