

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

**January 2017
and
July 2017 Sessions**



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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:
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 no. and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission	
	January 2017 session	July 2017 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	3 rd February, 2017	4 th August, 2017
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	17 th February, 2017	18 th August, 2017
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	3 rd March, 2017	1 st September, 2017
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	17 th March, 2017	15 th September, 2017

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. Briefly explain the changes in agriculture since the inception of civilization till today.
2. Discuss the current scenario of agricultural production in India.
3. Explain the following:
 - a) Availability of water resources
 - b) Major cropping patterns
4. What is the significance of genetic resources in crop improvement? Discuss about availability of plant genetic resources in India.
5. Describe the role of farmers' organizations in managing agricultural resources.
6. Give statistics of the agricultural research and educational institutions in India.
7. What do you mean by capital formation in agriculture? Discuss the importance of capital formation in agricultural growth.
8. What is diversification in agriculture? Write the scope and benefits of diversification in agriculture sector.

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. Discuss the main goals of agriculture sector in the country.
2. Explain the process of preparation of draft policy document
3. Explain the meaning and concept of policy implementation, monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment.
4. What do you mean by policy failure? Describe the contexts in which policy failures in agriculture could occur.

5. Discuss the various initiatives taken by the government to improve the agricultural marketing.
6. Discuss the inter-linkages between farm sector and non farm sector.
7. Discuss about the programmes being taken up for rural poverty alleviation.
8. Write a note on the national agricultural policies of developing countries.

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. How cooperatives are distinguished from other business? Explain the development of cooperatives in India.
2. Explain the following:
 - a. Credit cooperatives societies
 - b. Areas of operation of IFFCO
3. Describe the criterion for evaluating successful cooperatives.
4. Discuss the laws, rules and regulations for successful operation of the cooperatives organizations.
5. What do you understand by the people's participation? Describe the principles and philosophy underlying people's participation.
6. Define self help group (SHG)? Explain the characteristics and advantages of SHGs.
7. What are different types of NGOs? Discuss the advantages of NGOs over the government organizations.
8. Write a note on the organizations involved in cooperatives policy making.

Assignment -4

Course Code: MNRE-016

Course Title: Project Analysis

Maximum marks: 50

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

1. Classify the projects into different groups based on the objectives. Discuss in detail.

2. What do you understand by tangible and intangible costs and benefits? Explain with examples from the agricultural projects.
3. Explain the following:
 - a. Opportunity costs
 - b. Price reflects value in the project analysis
4. Discuss the elements of farm investment analysis.
5. Write notes on the following:
 - a. Balance sheet
 - b. Credit worthiness ratios
6.
 - a) Explain the concept of economic values.
 - b) Discuss the concepts of value added in measuring national income.
7. Discuss the undiscounted measures of project worth commonly used for selecting a project.
8.
 - a) Explain the criteria for choosing among mutually exclusive alternatives.
 - b) Explain the use of sensitivity analysis in project evaluation.