

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)

**January 2018
and
July 2018 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, 2018 session	July, 2018 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	16 th February, 2018	14 th September, 2018
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	28 th February, 2018	26 th September, 2018
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	9 th March, 2018	12 th October, 2018
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	23 rd March, 2018	23 rd October, 2018

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. Agriculture is a primitive step of human civilization. Explain.
2. Discuss the current scenario of Indian agriculture.
3. Discuss the land reform measures for the growth of agricultural sector.
4. What are the major causes for the growth of agricultural labour in India? Discuss the government measures to support the agricultural labour.
5. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Intellectual property rights 3
 - (b) Agriculture insurance
6. How minimum support price (MSP) is determined? Discuss the importance of MSP in managing the higher agricultural production.
7. Discuss the importance of the various sub-systems linked to agriculture.
8. Describe the various ICT based initiatives taken for the development of 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. What do you understand by the term agriculture policy? Why integration with sub sector policy is required for successful agriculture policy.
2. What are main components of agriculture policy? Discuss their importance in agriculture policy.
3. Describe the approaches to policy implementation? State the important bottlenecks of policy implementation.
4. (a) Discuss the various aspects need to be addressed adequately for good agriculture policy formulation.
(b) Define the good governance and explain its key elements.
5. Discuss the current policies of agricultural investment in India.
6. Describe the recent initiatives taken by the government to improve the agricultural marketing?
7. Explain the utilization trends in modern agricultural inputs.
8. Explain the similarities and differences in the agricultural policies of USA and EU.

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. What is meant by cooperatives? Discuss the different form of agricultural and rural development cooperatives.
2. Explain the following:
 - a. Cooperative movement in India
 - b. Activities of KRIBHCO
3. Discuss the cooperative principles which guide the functioning of cooperative institutions.
4.
 - a. Discuss the role of the Registrar of the Cooperatives in proper functioning of the Cooperatives Societies.
 - b. Explain the system of monitoring of cooperatives.
5. Discuss the impact of economic liberalization on cooperatives?
6. Explain the tools used in participatory rural appraisal methodology.
7. What is self help group (SHG)? Explain the process of forming of SHG.
8. 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. What is project? Describe the significance of project.
2. Discuss the type of projects in agriculture sector.
3. Explain the following
 - a. Plans require projects
 - b. Social aspects in project preparation
4.
 - a. What is the relevance of objectives in cost and benefits assessment?
 - b. What is meant by direct transfer payment?
5.
 - a. Discuss the problems in finding market prices of agricultural inputs and outputs in project analysis.
 - b. State the objectives of financial analysis.
6. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Farm budget
 - b. Accounting convention for farm investment analysis
 - c. Investment and operating expenditure
 - d. Balance sheet.
6. Discuss the concept of economic values. How economic values are estimated?
7. What do you understand by time value of money? Discuss the techniques of comparing the projects using the concept of time value of money.