

**OSS-101**

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**ASSIGNMENT  
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**Preparatory Course in Social Sciences  
(OSS 101)**



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## **ASSIGNMENT**

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for the Preparatory Course in Social Sciences (OSS-101). The assignment is of 100 marks. It comprises two sections. Section 1 (of 50 marks) comprises questions the answers of which should be written in about 250 words each. It is important that you write answers to all questions in your own words. Section 2 (of 50 marks) comprises multiple choice questions.

Before attempting the questions in the assignment, please read the OSS-101 course material carefully.

### **Submission**

The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

### **Schedule**

| <b>Admission Cycle</b>                | <b>Date of Submission</b> | <b>Whom to send</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| For students admitted in January 2010 | 31 March, 2010            | To<br>The Coordinator of the Study<br>Centre allotted to you  |
| For students admitted in July 2010    | 30 September, 2010        | (Do not send your assignment<br>response to any other person) |

## SECTION 1

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 10 marks.**

1. What is 'ethnic assertion'? List down the major factors responsible for ethnic assertion in India. 10
2. Explain the concept of 'sustainable development'. 10
3. What are the significant challenges to effective governance in India? 10
4. How does the post-industrial society differ from the industrial society? 10
5. Explain the role and responsibilities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in fostering regional cooperation. 10

## SECTION 2

Maximum Marks: 50

**Note:**

- i) This section has 25 questions. Each question carries two marks. All questions are compulsory.
  - ii) Every question has four alternative answers, of these only one is correct. Select the correct answer in the appropriate box in the answer sheet according to the method described in the instructions.
1. The common currency adopted by the member countries of the European Union is
    1. INR
    2. Dollar
    3. Euro
    4. Frank
  2. Who initiated *perestroika* (reconstruction) of the Soviet economy?
    1. Mikhail Gorbachev
    2. George Bush
    3. Boris Yeltsin
    4. Bill Clinton
  3. Sex ratio is defined as
    1. Number of males per 1000 females
    2. Number of females per 1000 males
    3. Number of males per 500 females
    4. Number of females per 500 males
  4. Infant Mortality rate (IMR) determines the incidence of mortality in infants who are less than
    1. One month old
    2. Three months old
    3. Six months old
    4. One year old
  5. Who explained the concept of class in terms of 'life chances'?
    1. Max Weber
    2. Karl Marx
    3. Oscar Lewis
    4. Emile Durkheim
  6. The number of organisms that an ecosystem can support is its
    1. Carrying capacity
    2. Birth rate
    3. Holding capacity
    4. Production function
  7. Public sector refers to
    1. Industries owned by the government
    2. Industries owned by individuals
    3. Industries owned by NGOs
    4. Industries owned by international bodies

8. The first Five Year Plan was launched in the year
  1. 1950
  2. 1951
  3. 1952
  4. 1953
  
9. Lack of development by some states/regions in the country as opposed to impressive progress achieved by some other states/regions is referred to as
  1. Regionalism
  2. Statism
  3. Regional imbalance
  4. Differentiation
  
10. Which of the following are the three basic factors of production
  1. Villages, towns and cities
  2. Earth, air and water
  3. Trees, mountains and rivers
  4. Land, labour and capital
  
11. Right to Information directly facilitates
  1. Transparency in the working of the government
  2. Poverty alleviation
  3. Disaster management
  4. Accuracy in weather forecasts
  
12. The *gram sabha* consists of all the
  1. Teenagers in the village
  2. Teachers in the village
  3. Adults who are registered as voters in the electoral rolls of the village
  4. Educated adults of the village
  
13. The national emblem of India is adopted from the Sarnath Lion as preserved in the
  1. National Museum
  2. Crafts Museum
  3. Sarnath Museum
  4. National Gallery of Modern Art
  
14. Survey method of data collection is best suited when study is to be carried out in
  1. Large, diverse and scattered groups in population
  2. A homogenous group in population
  3. A small, close-knit community
  4. Few families located in the same area
  
15. Who invented the steam engine?
  1. John Kay
  2. James Watt
  3. Richard Arkwright
  4. Mahatma Gandhi
  
16. Christopher Columbus discovered
  1. Great Britain
  2. Australia
  3. America
  4. Germany

17. The major objective of the Rowlatt Act of 1919 in India was to
1. Facilitate people's participation in the nationalist movement
  2. Curb people's participation in the nationalist movement
  3. Facilitate trade between India and other countries
  4. Curb trade between India and other countries
18. Which Indian nationalist leader died in 1928 due to police lathi charge?
1. Chandra Shekhar Azad
  2. Lala Lajpat Rai
  3. Motilal Nehru
  4. C R Das
19. The Drafting Committee to draw up the draft of the Indian Constitution was chaired by
1. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar
  2. Jawaharlal Nehru
  3. M K Gandhi
  4. Sardar Patel
20. In India, the Rajya Sabha consists of
1. 230 members
  2. 240 members
  3. 250 members
  4. 260 members
21. The Council of Ministers in India is headed by the
1. President
  2. Vice-President
  3. Prime Minister
  4. Chief Minister
22. The system of inter-dependence between different jatis is
1. *Jajmani*
  2. *Varna*
  3. *Sabha*
  4. *Sambhaav*
23. The primary sector incorporates all activities that are
1. Water centered
  2. Pollution centered
  3. Land or animal centered
  4. Industry centered
24. Due to depletion of forests many species of animals and plants are getting extinct. This phenomenon is described as
1. Land pollution
  2. Loss of bio-diversity
  3. Global warming
  4. Greenhouse effect
25. People in the age group of 15-59 years who are economically active are referred to as
1. Workers
  2. Labour force
  3. Out of labour force
  4. Philosophers

