M.A. PSYCHOLOGY
FIRST YEAR COURSES

(MPC)

Assignments
For July 2020 and January 2021
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M.A. Psychology – Ist Year

MPC-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006

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Dear Learner,

You have to complete one Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each of the courses in the Master of Arts (Psychology) Ist year. Each assignment has three sections (A, B and C). Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be according to the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve and sharpen your understanding of the concept.

Submission

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Session	Last Date of Submission	To be Sent
For July, 2020 Session **For January, 2021 Session**	**31ˢᵗ March, 2021** **30ᵗʰ September, 2021**	**The Coordinator of the** **Study Centre allotted to you**

Please obtain a receipt from the study centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Also keep a photocopy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator / Programme In-charge of the Study Centre/ Programme Study Centre allotted to you. Under any circumstances do not send the tutor marked response sheets to the Student Evaluation Division at Head Quarters for evaluation.

INSTRUCTIONS

Following instructions are to be carefully followed before writing the assignments:

1. Provide information about your Enrolment Number, Name, Full Address, Signature and Date on title page of your assignment. Also provide details about the Programme Title, Course Code, Course Title, Assignment Code and Name of your Study Centre on the title page. Course Code and Assignment Code will be given in the assignment.

   The title page may look like this

Enrolment No ....
Name ....
Address ....
Signature ....
Date ....
Programme Title ....
Course Code & Title ....
Assignment Code ....
Programme Study Centre/Study Centre ……………………..

   All Tutor Marked Assignments are to be submitted at the study centre assigned to you.

2. Read the assignments carefully and follow the instructions if any given on the assignment.

3. We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines mentioned in the assignment.

   You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

   i. **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then re-arrange these in a logical order.

   ii. **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. Make sure that your answer:

   a) is logical and coherent;

   b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;

   c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation

iii. Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

4. Use A4 size ruled paper for your response and tie all the pages carefully. Allow a 4 cm margin on the left and leave some space between each answer. This will facilitate the evaluator to write useful comments in the margin at appropriate places.

5. *Responses should be hand written*. Do not print or type the answers. Do not copy your answers from the Units/Blocks sent to you by the University. If you copy, you will get zero marks for the respective question.

6. Do not copy from the response sheets of other students. If copying is noticed, the assignments of such students will be rejected.

7. Write each assignment separately. All the assignments should not be written in continuity. For each Course use separate sheets or start on the next sheet.

8. Write the question number with each answer.

9. After submitting the assignment at the Study Centre / Programme Study Centre get the acknowledgement from the Coordinator / Programme In-charge.

10. In case you have requested for a change of Study Centre, you should submit your Tutor Marked Assignments only to the original Study Centre until the change of Study Centre is notified by the University.

11. If you find that there is any factual error in evaluation of your assignments e.g. any portion of assignment response has not been evaluated or total of score recorded on assignment response is incorrect, you should approach the coordinator of your study centre for correction and transmission of correct score to headquarters.

Please ensure the following before submitting your assignment:

1. Your enrolment number, name and address have been written correctly.

2. The title of the course and assignment number has been written clearly.

3. Each assignment on each course has been written on separate sheets and pinned properly.

4. All the questions in a particular section should be answered before attempting the next section.

<center>WISH YOU ALL THE BEST</center>

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Cognitive Psychology, Learning and Memory (MPC-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

NOTE: All questions are compulsory.

SECTION – A

Answer the following questions in 1000 words each.   **3 x 15 = 45 marks**

1. Describe the research methods in cognitive psychology.

2. Provide a critical evaluation of the PASS theory.

3. Discuss Guilford's structure of intellect theory.

SECTION – B

Answer the following questions in 400 words each.   **5 x 5 = 25 marks**

4. Explain the key issues in the study of cognitive psychology.

5. Describe Waugh and Norman's model of memory.

6. Discuss the perceptual blocks to problem solving.

7. Compare and contrast the behaviouristic and innate theory of language acquisition.

8. Discuss the various approaches to problem solving.

SECTION – C

Answer the following questions in 50 words each.   **10 x 3 = 30 marks**
9. Sensory memory
10. Thorndike's theory of intelligence
11. Creativity and intelligence
12. Aspects of creativity
13. Phonemes and morphemes
14. Single system vs dual system hypotheses
15. Dysprosody
16. Means ends analysis
17. Stages in creativity
18. Contextual subtheory of Sternberg

Life Span Psychology (MPC 002)
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPC 002
Assignment Code: MPC 002/ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

SECTION-A

Answer the following questions in about 1000 words.   **3 x 15=45 Marks**

1. Describe the characteristics and periods in prenatal development.
2. Explain Piaget's concepts of cognitive development during middle childhood.
3. Discuss the challenges faced during adolescence.

SECTION-B   **5 x 5= 25 Marks**

Answer the following questions in about 400 words.

4. Discuss the factors and areas involved in the growth and development of a child.
5. Explain the characteristics of early childhood. Discuss linguistic development in early childhood.
6. Elucidate the role of peer group in social development during childhood.
7. Describe the characteristics and identification of learning disability.
8. Discuss the challenges of late adulthood.

SECTION-C   **10 x 3= 30 Marks**

Answer the following questions in about 50 words.

9. Research methods used in life span psychology
10. Identification of Intellectual disability (mental retardation)
11. Concept formation
12. Gifted and talented children
13. Foreclosure
14. Signs of negative self-concept in adolescence
15. Egocentrism
16. Reflective and relativistic thinking
17. Intimacy Vs Isolation
18. Dreams and mentors

Personality: Theories and Assessment (MPC 003)
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPC 003
Assignment Code: MPC 003/ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

SECTION-A

Answer the following questions in about 1000 words.   **3 x 15=45 Marks**

1. Discuss various issues in the study of personality.
2. Define behavioural assessment. Discuss the common characteristics and assumptions of behavioural assessment.
3. Describe the Ink Blot techniques.

SECTION-B   **5 x 5= 25 Marks**

Answer the following questions in about 400 words.

4. Explain Allport's trait theory.
5. Describe the psychological factors that influence the development of personality.
6. Define personality assessment. Discuss the purpose of personality assessment.
7. Discuss the purpose and strengths of interview method.
8. Explain Thematic Apperception Test. Discuss its limitations.

SECTION-C   **10 x 3= 30 Marks**

Answer the following questions in about 50 words.

9. Constitutional and environmental traits
10. Difference between extrovert and introvert
11. Nomothetic approach
12. NEO-Personality Inventory
13. Types of validity
14. Strengths of case study method
15. Senior Apperception Test
16. Sheldon's somatotype personality
17. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
18. Extraversion and cortical arousal

ADVANCED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (MPC 004)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MPC 004
Assignment Code: MPC 004/ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100

NOTE: All Questions are compulsory.

Section A

Answer the following question in about 1000 words each.   **15x3 = 45 marks**

1. Explain the concepts and theories related to interpersonal attraction.
2. Discuss the features, characteristics and types of group.
3. Elaborate upon the theory of attribution, its relevance and implications.

Section B

Answer the following questions in about 400 words each.   **5x5 = 25 marks**

4 Discuss the nature and forms of social conflict.
5 Describe the relationship of social psychology with other disciplines.
6 Explain the various ethical issues involved in social psychological research.
7 Elaborate upon the factors affecting 'helping behavior'.
8 Explain the different areas of social influence.

Section C

Answer the following in about 50 words each.   **10x3=30 marks**

9 Steps of ethnography
10 Cognitive Algebra
11 Self handicapping
12. Learned helplessness
13 Historical developments of social psychology
14 Prejudice and discrimination
15 Types of crowd
16 Role of cooperation
17 Group dynamics
18 Obedience

RESEARCH METHODS (MPC 005)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MPC 005
Assignment Code: MPC 005/ASST/TMA/2020-21
Marks: 100

NOTE: All Questions are compulsory.

Section A

Answer the following question in about 1000 words each.   **15x3 = 45 marks**

1   Discuss the steps involved in research process.
2   Define sampling. Discuss the different methods of sampling.
3   Discuss the types, advantages, limitations and implications of Factorial research design.

Section B

Answer the following questions in about 400 words each.   **5x5 = 25 marks**

4. Describe the criteria and misconceptions of case studies.
5. Explain the different types of variables.
6. Discuss the various threats to internal and external validity.
7. Describe the various instruments used in collecting data through Survey research.
8. Discuss the different types of Quasi experimental research design.

Section C

Answer the following in about 50 words each.   **10x3 = 30 marks**

9 Ex Post Facto research
10 Strengths and weaknesses of Field experiment
11 Discourse analysis
12 Steps of evaluating data in Qualitative research
13 Causal Comparative research design
14 Types of constructs
15 Objectivity Safeguards
16 Content analysis
17 Memory effect
18 Research biases

STATISTICS IN PSYCHOLOGY (MPC-006)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MPC-006
Assignment Code: MPC-006/AST/TMA/2020-2021
Marks: 100

NOTE: All Questions Are Compulsory.
The answers are to be written in own words. Do not copy from the course material or any other source.

SECTION A

Answer the following question in about 1000 words (wherever applicable) each
15x3=45 Marks

1.   Compare between parametric and nonparametric statistics. Discuss in detail any two nonparametric techniques.
2.   The scores obtained by three groups of students on Self Concept Scale are given below. Compute ANOVA for the same.

Group A	34	43	22	66	44	34	44	77	77	33
Group B	34	22	34	44	65	67	43	35	57	87
Group C	34	33	22	58	56	54	56	66	77	78

3. Describe hypothesis testing with a focus on errors in hypothesis testing.

SECTION B

Answer the following questions in about 400 words (wherever applicable) each
5x5=25 Marks

1.   Describe the concept and importance of normal probability curve.
2.   Using Pearson's product moment correlation for the following data:

Data 1	10	7	5	6	3	6	8	2	9	10
Data 2	2	1	9	4	9	5	4	9	5	4

3.   With the help of Mann Whitney U test find if significant difference exists between the scores obtained on Organisational Commitment Scale obtained by public and private bank employees.

	Scores on Organisational Commitment Scale
Public Bank Employees	10, 12, 21, 23, 34, 45, 32, 23, 34, 23
Private Bank Employees	34, 54, 56, 43, 32, 23, 34, 32, 33, 44, 32, 34, 32

4.   Explain Two-way Analysis of Variance with a focus on its merits and demerits.
5.   Compute Chi-square for the following data:

Phases of Adolescence	Achievement Motivation Scores	
	High	**Low**
Early adolescents	34	43
Late adolescents	45	44

SECTION C

Answer the following in about 50 words each   **10x3=30 Marks**

1.   Tabulation
2.   Interval estimation
3.   Level of significance
4.   Direction of correlation
5.   Partial correlation
6.   Multiple regression
7.   Skewness and Kurtosis
8.   Levels of measurement
9.   Measures of dispersion
10.   Kendall's tau