

MSO

Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

Second Year

M.A. Sociology

**Assignment for students admitted in July 2021 and
January 2022 sessions**

Assignment for the Elective Courses:

MSOE-001: Sociology of Education

MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities

MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion

MSOE-004: Urban Sociology

MPS-003: India: Democracy and Development

MPA-016: Decentralization and Local Governance



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ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment (TMAs) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words**.

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2021 Batch	31 st March, 2022	To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For students admitted in January 2022 Batch	30 th September, 2022	

You must **obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Some Tips for Doing Assignments

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

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully; go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-001: Sociology of Education
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-001
Assignment Code: MSOE-001/AST/TMA/2021-2022

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Critically examine the issue of positive discrimination and affirmative action in the context of education in India. 20
2. Does education facilitate democracy? Discuss. 20
3. Bring out the major differences between the processes of socialization and education. 20
4. Critically discuss the innovative initiatives towards education at the grass-roots with particular reference to the Hoshangabad Science Teaching Programme. 20
5. 'Education is preparation for social role in ideal State'. Discuss. 20

Section-II

6. What is multicultural education? Discuss its relevance in contemporary society. 20
7. Discuss the role of distance education in teacher training at primary level. 20
8. Critically discuss the impact of globalization and free market economy on higher education. 20
9. Critically examine the policy framework for educational reforms in India. 20
10. Discuss the major challenges to higher education in India. 20

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-002
Assignment Code: MSOE-002/AST/TMA/2021-2022

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Briefly examine the nature of Chinese diaspora. 20
2. Describe the migration patterns of Indian Diaspora to Europe in Post-independent India. 20
3. Elaborate on the nature of Indian diaspora in Fiji 20
4. Write note on the five patterns of Indian emigration. 20

Section-II

5. Discuss the role of literature in highlighting the diasporic experiences of Indians abroad, with reference to Canada 20
6. Critically evaluate the evolving Indian state policies for the Indians overseas 20
7. Examine the nature of Indian virtual communities in cyber space 20
8. Why are Indians considered a model minority in the USA 20

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-003
Assignment Code: MSOE-003/AST/TMA/2021-2022

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. In what way does religion contribute to the healing process? Illustrate your answer with a suitable example. 20
2. Discuss the role religious specialists in society with reference to the perspective of Max Weber. 20
3. Critically discuss Durkheim's perspective on religion. 20
4. Examine Marxian approach to the understanding of religion. 20
5. Explain the role of priests and prophets in Nuer society. 20

Section-II

6. Discuss the main reasons that contributed to the wide spread of the cult of Sai Baba of Shirdi. 20
7. 'Religion is a system of symbols'. Discuss. 20
8. What is 'totemism'? In what way does it reflect the relationship between human beings (culture) and nature. 20
9. Discuss Peter Berger's viewpoint on the future of religion in society. 20
10. Write short notes on the following: 20
 - (i) Religious Conversion
 - (ii) Communalism

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MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-004
Assignment Code: MSOE-004/AST/TMA/2021-22

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Answer any five question selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Define the concept of 'Urban'. How are the urban areas in India demarcated officially? Discuss. 20
2. What do you understand by the ecological approach to the understanding of urban? Discuss. 20
3. Describe the structure of the city as given by E. W. Burgess. 20
4. Discuss the changing nature of family in Indian cities with suitable examples. 20
5. Discuss the emergence of the political economy approach towards the understanding of urban. 20

Section-II

6. How does the rural influence the urban in India? Discuss critically in the light of farmers movement. 20
7. Describe the nature of unorganised labour and their role in urban India. 20
8. Do you think pollution in cities in India is impacting the work output of city dwellers? Discuss. 20
9. Discuss role of media in contemporary urban governance with suitable illustrations. 20
10. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 10 x 2
 - (a) Metro city
 - (b) Pilgrimage city
 - (c) Urban planning
 - (d) Urban governance

**INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2021-22
Marks: 100**

Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss how democracy and development are co-related to each other
2. Analyse the working of the federal system in India.
3. Discuss the significance of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments in Indian democracy.
4. Critically analyse the functioning of parliamentary democracy in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The Naxalbari Peasant Uprising
 - b) Indicators of Human Development

SECTION-II

6. Critically examine the impact of the new economic policy on working class in India
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Caste in Indian Democracy
 - b) Gender and Development
8. Discuss the Factors for the growth of regionalism in India.
9. Explain the role of media in Indian democracy
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Economic Consequences of Migration
 - b) Identity Politics in India

MPA-016: Decentralisation and Local Governance (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-016

Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2021-2022

Marks: 100

This Assignment consists of Section – I and Section - II. There are five questions in each section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss the evolution and significance of democratic decentralisation in India. 20
2. Explain the concept of empowerment by highlighting the problems in achieving empowerment. 20
3. Describe the politico-administrative components of decentralisation and suggest necessary measures to strengthen them. 20
4. Examine the partnership among local authorities and special purpose agencies in the health sector. 20
5. “Owing to the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, municipalities are functioning as effective institutions of local self-governance at the grassroots level”. Comment. 20

SECTION-II

6. Discuss the impact of decentralised development. 20
7. Explain the term institutional capacity building and suggest ways for capacity building of elected representatives. 20
8. What are the different requirements in development planning? 20
9. Examine the structure, powers and functions of local government. 20
10. Write short notes on the following in 250 words each:
a) Modalities for people’s participation. 10
b) Sustainable development and governance. 10