

MPA

M.A. (Public Administration)

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Assignments

(For M.A. 2nd Year Course)

For July 2012 and January 2013 Sessions



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M.A. 2nd Year (Public Administration)

Dear Student,

As a requirement of the Programme, you will have to do Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you answer the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You are to submit the assignments to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it with you. It is desirable to keep with you a photocopy of the assignments submitted by you.

Once evaluated, the Study Centre will return the assignments to you. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will send the marks to the SE Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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

Assignment Number	Date of Submission	Whom to send
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) of MPA-015, MPA-016, MPA-017, MPA-018, MSO-002 and MPS-003	March 31, 2013 For July 2012 Session September 30, 2013 For January 2013 Session	To The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENTS

We expect you to answer each question as per instructions in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 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) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent.
 - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
 - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. **It is mandatory to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting.** If you so desire, you may underline 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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M.A. (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)
MPA-015 (Public Policy and Analysis)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MPA-015
Assignment Code: MPA-015/Asst/TMA/2012-13
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, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION – I

1. Discuss the significance of policy sciences and various stages in policy cycle. 20
2. Critically examine Laswell's contribution to the study of policy sciences. 20
3. Analyse the role of inter-governmental relations in policy-making. 20
4. 'Civil society organisations are expected to play an important role in policy-making and development'. Comment. 20
5. Discuss the current paradigm shift in Indian public policy, and bring out the constraints in public policy formulation. 20

SECTION - II

6. Evaluate the bottom – up and top – down approaches to policy implementation and justify the need for following multiple approaches. 20
7. Discuss the process of policy monitoring and suggest the remedial measures for effective monitoring. 20
8. Describe the modes of policy delivery with special reference to the role of judicial bodies. 20
9. 'Simulation models are more appropriate than optimisation models'. Critically evaluate the statement. 20
10. Evaluate the telecom policy of India. 20

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-016

Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2012-13

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, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION - I

1. Examine the constitutional dimensions of democratic decentralisation in India. 20
2. What is Empowerment? Discuss the various initiatives taken for empowerment in India. 20
3. Discuss how components of Decentralised Development lead to equal distribution of benefits of development. 20
4. ‘Special and Single Purpose Agencies defeat the spirit of the local Governance’. Discuss. 20
5. Explain the impact of Decentralised Development in realising the objectives of Local Governance. 20

SECTION - II

6. Discuss the important recommendations of various Committees on Local Governance. 20
7. ‘The study of 11th Schedule suggests that Local Bodies have been assigned major responsibilities’. Discuss. 20
8. Describe the significance and issues in Micro-Level Planning. 20
9. Highlight the modalities for Peoples’ Participation in Local Governance. 20
10. Define Sustainable Development and identify inter-linkages between Sustainable Development and Governance. 20

MPA-017: E-Governance

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-017

Assignment Code: Asst/TMA-017/2012-13

Marks: 50

This Assignment consists of Section I and II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 400 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each Section. Each question carries 10 marks.

SECTION-1

- 1 Discuss the concept and models of e-governance. 10
- 2 'ICT enables transformation of traditional administration into a sophisticated and an electronic one'. Discuss. 10
- 3 Describe the role of ICT in agricultural development. 10
- 4 Enumerate the different modules enabling e-panchayat in Andhra Pradesh. 10
- 5 'ICT applications facilitate virtual learning environment for learners'-Explain. 10

SECTION-11

- 6 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of e-commerce. 10
- 7 Describe ICT applications in Indian Railways. 10
- 8 'Saukharyam Project of Visakhapatnam enables seamless services to the citizens'- Comment. 10
- 9 The Right to Information Act 2005 upholds the fundamental right to know and the freedom of speech and expression-Justify. 10
- 10 Examine the critical gaps in the effective implementation of e-governance in India. 10

MPA-018: Disaster Management

**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)**

**Course Code: MPA-018
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2012-13
Marks: 50**

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 400 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 10 marks.

SECTION-1

1. Define Disaster and make an overview of natural disasters in India. 10
2. Write a note on disaster management in mountainous region. 10
3. Discuss International Approach to disaster management. 10
4. 'Risk sharing and transfer pave the way for building disaster resilience'. Discuss. 10
5. Define disaster mitigation and point out its major problem areas. 10

SECTION-11

6. Discuss major requirements in Warehousing and Stockpiling. 10
7. 'Relief distribution is carried out through different steps'. Discuss. 10
8. Write a note on organizational set-up of EOC. 10
9. Define damage assessment and discuss its features. 10
10. Define the rationale of 'First Response' and discuss the role of people as First Responders. 10

MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Programme Code: MSO

Course Code: MSO-002

Assignment Code: MSO-002/AST/TMA/2012-13

Maximum Marks: 100

Weightage : 30%

Marks

Answer questions from both the sections.

SECTION-1

Answer any *two* of the following questions.

1. What is phenomenology? Explain the contribution of Martin Heidegger to understand phenomenology. 25
2. What is positivism? Discuss Giddens's critique of positivism. 25
3. Explain the comparative method. Discuss its scope in social science research. 25
4. Discuss the participatory approach to social research. Compare and contrast it with conventional research methodologies. 25
5. Critically examine the nature and scope of feminist method in social science Research. 25

SECTION-11

Write a research report on any *one* of the following topics in about 3000 words.

6. Change in the family structure and familial relations in India. 50
7. Significance of open and distance learning in democratization of education. 50
8. Relevance of quantitative method in sociological research. 50

You can write this report based either on (a) review of literature, or (b) data collected from the primary sources.

- (a) For review of literature you are to select either two books or four research articles published recently professional research journal. Write a review article focusing on the location of the study, methodology followed and the main findings of these studies.
- (b) For the primary source you are to collect two case studies and write a report on the selected topic in a comparative framework. While writing the report spell out clearly the objectives and the problems of the study and your finding.

MPS-003: INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)**

Course Code: MPS-003

Assignment Code: ASST/MPS-002/TMA/2012-13

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 the working of federal system in India.
2. Critically examine the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Differences between procedural and substantive democracy.
 - b) Importance of development for democracy.
3. Discuss main challenges of ethnicity to the nation-state in India.
4. Analyse the relationships among bureaucracy, police and army in India.
5. Discuss the role of pressure groups in Indian democracy.

SECTION-II

6. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Meaning of Identity
 - b) Caste in Indian politics
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Role of civil society in Indian democracy
 - b) Sustainable Development
8. Discuss the substantive and procedural aspects of democracy.
9. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Regionalism during the 1950s
 - b) Relationship between gender and development
10. Discuss the economic consequences of regionalism in India.