

MPA

M.A. (Public Administration)

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Assignments

(For M.A. 2nd Year Course)

For July 2015 and January 2016 Sessions



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Dear Student,

As a requirement of the Programme, you will have to do one 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.

Submission:

Note: This booklet contains Assignments of all the six courses offered in M.A. 2nd year. You are requested to submit the same within the below mentioned stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

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, 2016 for July 2015 Session September 30, 2016 for January 2016 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,

Prof. E. Vayunandan & Prof. Alka Dhameja
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MPA-015: PUBLIC POLICY AND ANALYSIS
(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: MPA-015

Assignment Code: MPA-015/Asst/TMA/2015-16

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 examine its relevance to public policy in the contemporary context.
- 2) Critically examine the Laswell's contribution to study of policy sciences.
- 3) Analyse the role of civil society in policy-making.
- 4) 'International Agencies are playing an important role in policy-making and development'. Comment.
- 5) Discuss the current paradigm shift in Indian public policy, and bring out the constraints in public policy formulation.

SECTION - II

- 6) Describe the bottom – up and top – down approaches to policy implementation and justify the need for following multiple approaches.
- 7) What is policy implementation? Discuss the various types of problems in policy implementation.
- 8) Explain the process of policy monitoring and suggest the remedial measures for effective monitoring.
- 9) Describe the modes of policy delivery with special reference to the role of judicial bodies.
- 10) Discuss the process of disinvestment of the central public enterprises in India and evaluate the disinvestment policy.

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE
(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: MPA-016

Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2015-2016

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) Explain the socio-economic components of decentralization and highlight the measures to Strengthen them.
- 2) Describe the significance of democratic decentralization in India.
- 3) Examine the operational framework of empowerment and highlight measures to ensure an effective empowerment.
- 4) 'Bhagidari, a programme of Government-Citizen Partnership, can be termed as a model of good governance'. Discuss.
- 5) Write short notes on the following in 250 words each:
 - a) Impact of decentralized development on bureaucracy.
 - b) The Principle of Balance.

SECTION-II

- 6) 'The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, empowers the municipalities to function as an effective institution of self-governance'. Examine.
- 7) Describe the structure, power and functions of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- 8) What are the basic constraints in micro-level planning?
- 9) Explain the significance of capacity building at the local level.
- 10) Write short notes on the following in 250 words each:
 - a) Institutional capacity building of Grassroot functionaries.
 - b) People's aspirations towards local Governance.

MPA-017: E-GOVERNANCE
(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: MPA-017
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA-017/2015-2016
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 - I

- 1) Discuss the concept and models of e-governance.
- 2) 'Transformation in the traditional administrative culture is a prerequisite to successful e-governance applications in public organisations'. Discuss.
- 3) Describe the role of ICT in agricultural development.
- 4) Enumerate the different modules enabling e-panchayat in Andhra Pradesh.
- 5) Explain the role of EDUSAT in distance education.

SECTION - II

- 6) Write a note on electronic payments.
- 7) Describe the ICT applications in Indian Railways.
- 8) 'E-seva project enables seamless services to the citizens'—Comment.
- 9) Highlight the critical gaps in the implementation of Right to Information Act 2005.
- 10) Discuss measures to address the gaps in the effective implementation of e-governance in India.

MPA-018: DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: MPA-018
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2015-2016
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 - I

- 1) 'Disasters are classified into natural and man-made'. Discuss.
- 2) Briefly discuss various stages in Disaster Cycle.
- 3) 'Disaster Management has Development Perspective'. Discuss.
- 4) Write a note on Risk Assessment.
- 5) Explain major problem areas in Disaster Mitigation.

SECTION - II

- 6) Explain the qualities of an effective Rescuer.
- 7) Briefly highlight major steps in Relief Distribution.
- 8) Discuss the features of Emergency Operations Centre.
- 9) 'People are First Responders'. Discuss.
- 10) Write a note on changing complexion of Disaster Management.

MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods

Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks : 100

Weightage : 30%

Programme Code : MSO

Course Code : MSO-002

Assignment Code: MSO-002/AST/TMA/2015-2016

Answer any two of the following questions.

SECTION-I

1. Explain the key features of the feminist approach to the understanding of social reality. 25
2. Explain the contribution of Emile Durkheim to positivist thought. 25
3. What is case study method? Discuss its scope in social science research. 25
4. Explain the historical method of research. 25
5. Critically examine the scope of survey method in social science research. 25

SECTION-II

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

6. Impact of transnational migration on Indian economy and society. 50
7. Use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) by youth in India. 50
8. Relevance of caste in negotiating marriages Indian society. 50

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

For review of literature you are to select either two books or four research articles published recently on the selected topic of your choice. Write a review article focusing on the location of the study, methodology followed and the main findings of these studies.

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

- problematise the issue within the existing/available literature,
- elaborate your observations, finding and conclusion coherently, and
- make proper referencing at the end.

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

Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2015-2016
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Explain the evolution of political democracy and economic development in India during 1947-67.
- 2) Critically examine the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The idea of planning
 - b) The Karachi resolution
- 3) How does social inequality affect politics and developmental policies in India? Explain.
- 4) Discuss the working of federal system in India.
- 5) Write an essay on the ethnic politics in north-east India.

SECTION-II

- 6) Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Media and public opinion
 - b) Significance of elections in Indian democracy
- 7) Comment on the following in about 250 words each.
 - a) Language and politics in India
 - b) The basis of regionalism in India
- 8) Enumerate the similarities and differences between substantive and procedural types of democracy.
- 9) Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Development and gender
 - b) Role of civil society in Indian democracy
- 10) Discuss the features of farmers' movements in contemporary India.