

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management (DACM)**

**January 2024 sessions  
and  
July 2024 Sessions**



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**Dear Students,**

The Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management (DACM) consists of 6 theory courses. The assessment of theory courses is done in two components i.e. continuous assessment (assignment) and term-end examination. The weightage for the term-end examination will be 70 per cent and the weightage for the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 30 per cent. There is one assignment for each theory course, thus a total of six assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 100 marks which ultimately will be converted to have a weightage of 30 % of total marks.

**Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. First of all, read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that you read additional materials available in your study centre or any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.: .....  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Course Code: .....  
Course Title: .....  
Study Centre: .....  
(Name and Code)  
Date: .....

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom, and left of your answer sheet.
5. Indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

## **Assignment 1**

**Course Code: BAM-001**

**Course Title: Basics of Agriculture**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Note: Attempt any TEN questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1.	Discuss the developments in pre-historic agriculture.
2.	Explain the meaning and methods of irrigation.
3.	What do you mean by pest epidemics? Discuss causes of pest epidemics.
4.	What is a cropping system? Explain the essential components of a cropping system.
5.	Describe the cultivation and management practices followed in the maize crop.
6.	Explain the integrated insect pests and disease management in pulse crops.
7.	What are the different major fruits grown in India? Explain their share in total fruit production.
8.	What is a global bloom business? Explain its features and prospects.
9.	Discuss the four pillars of livestock management.
10.	Explain the importance and different types of mushrooms under cultivation.
11.	What is organic agriculture? Discuss the principles of organic agriculture.
12.	Discuss the objectives and important operations of post-harvest management.