

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management (DACM)

**January 2025 sessions
and
July 2025 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 -2

Course Code: BAM-002

Course Title: Institutional Support for Agricultural Development

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Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Discuss some of the research projects operated/operating at the National level in the agriculture sector.	20
2.	Explain about the extension efforts made post-independence in India.	20
3.	Explain the foodgrains marketing system. Discuss the various schemes under which allocation is made by the Department of Food and Public Distribution.	20
4.	What do you understand by the cooperatives? Explain the structure of cooperatives in terms of governance, performance of different types of functions, political and administrative systems and monitoring.	20
5.	Discuss the points considered in starting a custom hiring centre. Explain the challenges and opportunities for starting a custom hiring centre.	20
6.	What do you understand by agricultural input marketing? Explain the components of agricultural input marketing strategies.	20
7.	What is the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC)? Explain the responsibilities and shortcomings of the APMC system.	20