

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management (DACM)

**January 2024 sessions
and
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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 -4

Course Code: BAM-004
Course Title: Farm Cost Management

Maximum Marks: 100

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

1.	Define Agri value chain. Explain the value chain for fresh mangoes.
2.	Discuss the concept and importance of value chain analysis in agribusiness.
3.	What do you understand by supply chain and supply chain management? Explain the major Supply chain challenges faced by the agriculture sector in India.
4.	What is a functional budget? Explain the different types of functional agri-farm budgets.
5.	Explain the components and functions of the agri cash budget.
6.	What do you mean by the Cost Variance Analysis in Agriculture? Discuss the steps involved in cost variance analysis in agriculture.
7.	Explain the meaning and types of risks associated with agriculture.
8.	Discuss the different risk management strategies commonly used in agriculture.
9.	What do you understand by crop mix? Explain the different types of crop mix.
10.	Explain the different ratios which help the farmers to evaluate or measure the crop yield.
11.	What is the cost-benefit analysis? Discuss the application of cost-benefit analysis in agriculture.
12.	Discuss the importance and strategies for achieving cost control in agriculture.