

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP and PGCAPOL)

Assignments for

**January 2025
and
July 2025 Sessions**



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Dear Student,

As you are aware the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75 per cent and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total of four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 25 % of the 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. Clearly indicate question number 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 on or before the last date of submission. The Online learners have to submit assignments in the PGCAPOL LMS.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

Assignment -1

Course Code: MNR-001

Course Title: Indian Agricultural Development

Session: January and July 2025

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Attempt any five questions. Answer the question in about 700 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1.	Describe the status and importance of livestock in Indian Agriculture.	10
2.	Discuss the share and importance of agriculture in the Indian economy.	10
3.	Explain the importance of traditional knowledge in domestication, use and conservation of native plant genetic resources.	10
4.	What do you understand by agricultural labour? Explain the socio-economic situation of agricultural labour in India.	10
5.	Discuss the steps undertaken to improve the availability of agricultural finance in India.	10
6.	Discuss about important agricultural extension programmes being implemented in India.	10
7.	What are the special characteristics of the agriculture sector? Explain the sub-systems associated with agricultural development.	10
8	Define the rural non-farm sector. Explain the features and importance of rural industries.	10