

**M. Sc. (Home Science – Community
Development & Extension Management) – Ist Year**

**Assignments for students admitted in
July 2025 and January 2026 sessions**



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IMPORTANT

ASSIGNMENTS of MSCHSC Programme

Dear Learners,

You will have to do all the Assignments as part of MSCHSC - M. Sc. (Home Science – Community Development & Extension Management) programme. **IN TOTAL, 07 ASSIGNMENTS (of 6 Compulsory Courses and 1 Elective Course) ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN THE 1st YEAR. DOING ASSIGNMENTS OF ALL THE 07 COURSES IS COMPULSORY.**

Objectives: The assignments are part of your evaluation and the marks will be carried in your grade sheets (refer to **Section 8**) on Evaluation in your Programme Guide). Another objective of the assignments is to assess how well you have understood the concepts explained in the various Blocks of every Course. This is assessed through the questions given in the assignments. Since the Master Programme aims to impart to you the requisite knowledge, understanding and skills, the purpose of the assignments is also to test how far you can apply the concepts in Community Development & Extension Management. Hence you are free to use as many examples and illustrations in your answers.

It is advised that answers should not be copied directly from the Self Learning Material (printed content) that has been given to you.

SOME DO'S AND DON'T'S ABOUT SENDING IN ASSIGNMENTS

Some Do's

- 1) When you receive the Assignment, check it immediately and ask for the missing page(s), if any.
- 2) Submit your assignments on time at your Study Centre. By doing so, you can benefit from your Counselor's comments on your submitted response sheets.
- 3) Maintain an account of the assignments sent to us and the corrected sheets received by you. This will help you maintain the schedule of your work and avoid the possibility of sending the same assignment a second time.

Some Don'ts

- 1) Do not remind us to send back the corrected response sheets. These will be sent to you at the earliest possible.
- 2) Do not misplace / lose your graded assignments. You will need these till the Course is completed.
- 3) Do not enclose doubts for clarification along with the assignment. If you want to draw our attention to something of urgent/important nature, email us separately. Give your roll number, name, address, the title of the Course, the number of the assignment, etc. on top of your letter.

- 1) Write your roll number, name, full address and date on top right corner of the first page of your response sheets.
- 2) Submit each assignment separately. Write the Course title, assignment number and the name of the Study Centre you are attached to, in the center of the first page of your response sheets.

The top of the first page of your response sheets should look like this:

Enrolment No.....	Name.....
Course Title.....	Address.....
Assignment No.....
Study Centre.....	Date.....

Please follow the above format strictly. If you do not follow this format, we will be compelled to return your script to you for re-submission.

- 3) Read the instructions related to assignments printed in the Programme Guide of MSCHSC.
- 4) Please note that unless you submit all the eight assignments contained in this booklet within the stipulated time, you would not be permitted to appear for the term-end examination for the respective Course.
- 5) Complete the assignment of each Course and submit all questions of each assignment together, otherwise your assignment would be returned to you without being evaluated.

SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS

Last Date of Submission: 31st March 2026 for July 2025 students
 30th September 2026 for January 2026 students

Whom to Send: The Coordinator of Your Study Centre / any link if provided by Study Centre or Regional Centre.

Programme : M. Sc. (Home Science – Community Development & Extension Management)
Programme Code : MSCHSC
Course Code : MHC-004
Course Title : Participatory Community Development
Assignment No. : MHC-004/AST/TMA-4/2025/ 2026
Total Marks : 100

Note: This assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 700-900 words. Medium answer should not exceed 400-500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 200 words each.

Long Answer Questions **Maximum Marks: 30**
(15 x 2=30)

Attempt any **two** of the following:

- 1) Explain the functions of cooperatives. Elaborate on the role of cooperatives in sustainable development.
- 2) Describe the components of the Sustainable Livelihoods Framework in detail. Explain how the livelihoods framework helps in planning and evaluating development interventions.
- 3) Write about the promising green technologies for commercial set up which have evolved in recent years. Discuss two green practices that help in the conservation of natural resources.
- 4) Describe using relevant examples the basic principles of researching in a community. Further, discuss the quantitative methods of conducting community-based research.
- 5) Explain the following: (i) Social construction of “gender,” and (ii) The empowerment process with a focus on empowerment framework, types, forms and levels of power.

Medium Answer Questions **Maximum Marks: 30**
(10 x 3=30)

Attempt any **Three** of the following:

- 1) What is meant by a partnership between the scientific community and Indigenous people? Explain with suitable example.
- 2) Write in detail about solar panels for renewable energy.

- 3) Briefly describe the Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) to measure the effects of specific projects and programmes. What are the aims and features of the Harvard Analytical Framework?
- 4) What are the participatory visual methods that can be used while doing research in a community?
- 5) Discuss Space Related / Spatial PRA methods with the help of examples.
- 6) Explain the following: (i) Two in-person creative practices; and (ii) Participatory Learning and Action

Short Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

(5 x 8=40)

Write short notes on any **Five** of the following:

- a) Artisanal Technologies
- b) Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- c) Common Property Resources
- d) Water Resource Sharing
- e) Importance of Social Capital to Livelihoods
- f) 4 Cs used in participatory methods on Community-based Research
- g) Most Significant Change Technique and Collaborative Outcome Reporting Technique
- h) Time Line and Seasonal Calendar
- i) App-based Communication
- j) Participatory Geographical Information Systems (PGIS)