

**M. Sc. (Home Science – Community
Development & Extension Management) – 2nd Year**

**Assignments for 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-008
Course Title : Research Methods in Community Development and Extension Management
Assignment No. : MHC-008/AST/TMA-8/2025/ 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 steps involved in the testing of hypothesis. Given a research problem on “Impact of nutrition education on dietary practices of rural women,” formulate
 - a. A null hypothesis
 - b. An alternative hypothesis
 - c. A directional hypothesis
- 2) (i) Describe the concept and features of a good research design.
(ii) Describe the features, advantages and disadvantages of Action Research Design and Cross-Sectional Design
- 3) What is a “sample”? Explain the different types of probability sampling.
- 4) Explain the concept and purpose of development research. Further describe any five key principles of development research.
- 5) Explain the classification of different types of data used in data processing and analysis. How will you do construction of cross tabulation? Explain with suitable example.

Medium Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 30

(10 x 3=30)

Attempt any **Three** of the following:

- 1) Why is it important to follow proper steps while formulating a research proposal?

Discuss.

- 2) Explain the techniques and methods of field-based research with suitable examples.
- 3) Why is reliability important for a research instrument? Discuss the different types of reliability with examples.
- 4) Define the term “data collection.” Explain various tools of data collection used in community development research.
- 5) What do you understand by “Correlation” and “Simple Linear Regression”? Enumerate the differences between Regression and Correlation.
- 6) Discuss the key components of a development research project proposal. Write about any two challenges in implementing development research projects.

Short Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

(5 x 8=40)

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

- a) Operationalisation of variables
- b) Participant observation
- c) The roles required of a development researcher
- d) Ethnography
- e) Structured interview
- f) Triangulation
- g) Open coding
- h) Writing styles of qualitative research
- i) Project sustainability
- j) Characteristics of a good sample