

**Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development
(PGDRDOL)**

Assignments

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Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (Online)

Assignment

MRD-201, MRD-202, MRD-203, MRDE-201, MRDE-202, MRDE-203
Schedule for January July 2025 / January 2026

Assignment	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
a.) Compulsory Syllabus	For July 2025 31 st March 2026	Assignments can be submitted online using the links provided by the Regional Centre, Centre for Online Education, Learning Management System (LMS) portal, and IGNOU University. Please keep checking the Centre for Online Education and LMS portal for updates.
MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2025-2026		
MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2025-2026		
MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2025-2026		
b.) Elective Course	For January 2026 30 September 2026	
MRDE-201/AST/TMA-4/2025-2026		
MRDE-202/AST/TMA-5/2025-2026		
MRDE-203/AST/TMA-6/2025-2026		

As explained in the Programme Guide you will have to do one assignment in each course of 6 credits. Last date of submission for all the assignments is mentioned above but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of course and submit them so that you may get back the marks and comments of the counsellor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments.

Note- The assignment must be submitted in handwritten form only.

IMPORTANT-PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS FROM PROGRAMME GUIDE AND VISIT IGNOU WEBSITE TIME TO TIME FOR ASSIGNMENTS DATES AND NEW UPDATE

Assignment-3

Rural Development- Planning and Management

Course Code: MRD-203

Course Title: Rural Development Planning and Management

Assignment No.: MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2025-2026

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 400 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each.

Long Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 40 each

Attempt any one of the following:

1. Describe the different levels of planning in India.
2. Explain in detail what is the contribution of voluntary organizations in rural development in India.
3. Describe the five-year plans formulated in the context of agriculture and rural development in India since independence.

Medium Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any two of the following:

1. What is NITI Aayog, its history, purpose, and structure?
2. What is social action? Give us some examples of social action in India?
3. What is voluntarism, what is its concept and how does it affect development?

Short Answer Questions

Maximum Marks: 06 each

Attempt any Five of the following:

1. NITI Aayog
2. National Development Council
3. Voluntary Organizations
4. Social Action
5. Mid-Day Meal
6. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
7. Planning
8. Panchayati Raj