Master of Arts (Development Studies) - One Year - (MADVSOY)

Assignments

(July 2026 & January 2027 Sessions)

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Dear Learner,

For each course, you must complete one assignment containing five questions. Each assignment is worth 100 marks and accounts for 30% of your final grade. Regardless of your registration year or academic session, you must submit the latest version of the assignments available on the website.

Instructions

1) Please write the following details on the first page of each assignment:
    - Name & Full Address:
    - Enrolment No.:
    - Admission Session:
    - Course Code:
    - Course Title:
    - Regional Centre:
    - Study Centre:
2) Use A-4 size plain / ruled paper for your responses. Write on both sides with a margin and tie/staple all the pages carefully - course-wise.
3) Write the question number with each answer.
4) You should write in your **own handwriting,** and **only handwritten assignments are evaluated**.
5) The last date for submitting the assignments for the July 2026 Session is **31st March 2027,** and for the January 2027 Session is **30th September 2027** (Check the University website for date extension, if any).
6) **Submit the assignments in the allotted study center only.**

Keep a scanned copy of the assignments with you until the marks are reflected in your grade card.

Guidelines

1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self-learning material on which they are based. Make points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer a brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.
3) **Make sure that your answer:**
    a) is around 800 words for each question.
    b) is logical, coherent and has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
    c) is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
4) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

ASSIGNMENT – 10
Local Self Governance and Development

Course Code: MDV - 111
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. Define the concept of decentralization. Critically analyze the merits and limitations of democratic decentralization in local governance.
2. What do you understand by people's participation in governance and development? Examine how community-led participation fosters more effective sustainable outcomes at the grassroots level.
3. Describe the salient features of the Kerala Model of democratic decentralization planning. Discuss its overall impact on local resource mobilization and social development.
4. Highlight the key provisions of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. Critically evaluate its implementation process and the operational challenges faced by rural local bodies.
5. Explain the core objectives of the PESA Act. Detail the mandatory legal powers vested in the *Gram Sabha* and Panchayats within Scheduled Areas under this Act.

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