

Master of Arts (Development Studies) (MADVS)

Assignments

(July 2025 & January 2026 Sessions)



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment with five questions for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks with 30% weightage in the final assessment. Irrespective of the year and session of the registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded 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:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain / ruled paper for your responses. Write on both the sides with 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) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2025 Session is **31st March 2026** and for January 2026 Session is **30th September 2026** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) **Submit the assignments in the allotted study center only.**

Keep a scan copy of 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 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.

Please contact the following course coordinators for any academic help / clarification

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ASSIGNMENT – 1
Introduction to Development and Development Theories

Course Code: MDV - 101
Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks

1. What are development paradigms? Discuss the sustainable development paradigm in detail.
2. Discuss the Classical Theories of economic growth and development.
3. What do you understand by balanced growth? Discuss W.A. Lewis's theory of unlimited supply of labour.
4. What are the characteristics of a dependent economy? Discuss the dependency theory of development.
5. Discuss the Gandhian philosophy of economic concepts related to development.

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