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Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)

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Dear Learner,
Please ensure that you download the most recent assignments from the designated resources, specifically the official website at https://webservices.ignou.ac.in/assignments/ or the WEAS portal at https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/mass/about.
Thank you for your attention to this matter and best wishes,

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The first page of your response sheet should look like this (**Prepare separate file for different courses**):
    i. **Assignment No.**
    ii. **Your name**
    iii. **Enrolment No.**
    iv. **Email (mandatory):**
    v. **Phone No.**
    b. **Second Page should have your IGNOU ID Card (Compulsory)**
    c. **Third Page should have the assignment questions**
2. Use A-4 size papers for responses, write on both sides with margin, and secure all the pages carefully.
3. Write the question with each answer. **Each question to be answered in around 500 words in your own handwriting.**
4. **Last date for submitting the assignments for June Term End Examination is 30th March and for December Term End Examination is 30th September**.
5. Submit the assignment responses to the Concern Regional Centre.

Note: In the Envelop, write the programme code PGDSS (for PGDSS) and MASS (for MASS)

GUIDELINES

- **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- **Organization:** Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question. Make sure that your answer is: logical and coherent; has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and; is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

By following this structured approach, you will be able to produce well-organized and articulate responses to your assignments. This process not only aids in better understanding and retention of the material but also enhances the quality of your submissions.

Please contact the Programme coordinator for any academic help / clarification
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MASS-2

- MEV 025: Climate Change and Society
- MSD 021:Mountain and Hill Ecosystem
- MSD 022:Aquatic Ecosystem
- MEDS 051: Fundamentals of CSR
- MSD 023: Social Ecology, Globalisation and Sustainability
- MEDS 044: Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects and Programmes

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Additional courses for lateral entry,

- MSD 019: Global Strategies to Sustainable Development
- MSD 020: Population, Health and Sustainability
- MEVE 016: Urban Environment

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MEV-025: Climate Change and Society

Course Code: MEV-025
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course. Please answer in your own words; do not copy from the course material.
Answer all the questions. All questions carry 25 marks each.

1. Explain the relationship between vulnerability, exposure, and risk in climate change assessment.
2. Discuss the interlinkages between climate change, social systems, and vital system security.
3. Critically examine the idea of ecological debt in the context of climate change.
4. Evaluate the role of BASIC countries (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) in shaping climate policy.

MSD-021: Mountain and Hill Ecosystem

Course Code: MSD-021
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course. Please answer in your own words; do not copy from the course material.
Answer all the questions. All questions carry 25 marks each.

1. Discuss the importance of mountain ecosystems for human survival.
2. Explain the agro-silvo-pastoral system and its subtypes.
3. Analyse the significance of ecological monitoring in advancing the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
4. Highlight why integrating international conventions into national policies matters.

MSD-022: Aquatic Ecosystem

Course Code: MSD-022
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This assignment is based on the entire course. Please answer in your own words; do not copy from the course material.
Answer all the questions. All questions carry 25 marks each.

1. What are the challenges in managing aquatic ecosystems in urban areas?
2. Discuss the factors responsible for the degradation of lakes and wetlands.
3. Explain the concept of the Blue Economy and its relevance to sustainable development.
4. Analyze the concept of water footprint and virtual water. How do these concepts help in understanding the global water usage and management?