

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

ASSIGNMENT 2025-26

BPSE -144: INTRODUCTION TO SOUTH ASIA



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TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

Evaluation in IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %. This Assignment booklet has three TMAs for the core course **BPSE 144: Introduction to South Asia**, a six-credit course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

Submission:

You need to submit these assignments together within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Session	Last Date of Submission	Whom to submit
July 2025 Session	March 31, 2026	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
January 2026 Session	September 30, 2026	

Like all other assignments, this should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. Always keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre/Regional Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated.

We expect you to answer each question as per the guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it helpful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:
 - a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs; and
 - c) Is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation?
- 3) **Presentation:** Once satisfied with your answer, you can write the final version neatly for submission. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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Course code: BPSE-144

Assignment Code: BPSE-144/ASST/TMA/2025-26

Marks: 100

Answer all questions in the three Assignments and submit them together.

Assignment - I

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

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| 1. Analyze the economic cooperation in South Asia. | 20 |
| 2. Analyze ethnic conflicts in South Asia. | 20 |

Assignment - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

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| 1. Explain diversity and pluralism in South Asia. | 10 |
| 2. Analyze political developments in Afghanistan since 2021. | 10 |
| 3. Explain major challenges of political system in Sri Lanka. | 10 |

Assignment - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

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| 1. Islamic extremism in Pakistan | 6 |
| 2. India – China border dispute | 6 |
| 3. Democracy in Nepal | 6 |
| 4. Status of minority in Bangladesh | 6 |
| 5. Climate Change and Migration | 6 |
