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BPSE -212/EPS-12: Government and Politics in India



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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 for a course carry 30% weightage, while the term-end examination accounts for 70% of the total weightage.

You will have to complete three Tutor-Marked Assignments (TMAs), whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weighting of 30%. This Assignment booklet has three TMAs for the core course **BPSE-212/ EPS-12: Government and Politics in India**, a six-credit course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. You must 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.

If you are registered for this course in July 2025, you should submit these TMAs by 31st March 2026. Those registered for the January 2026 session should submit by September 30, 2026. You are, however, advised to avoid the last-minute rush and submit the assignment well before the deadline.

Like all other assignments, this should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. Your Regional Centre may allow you to submit this assignment online on its website. Please visit the website of your Regional Centre to check if an online submission facility is available or not.

Always keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre/Regional Centre will return your assignments after evaluation.

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

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully, and go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
 - 2) **Organisation:** 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.
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Wishing you all the best
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Marks: 100

Note: Answer all questions in the three sections and submit them together.

Assignment – I

(Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. Each carries 20 marks)

1. Discuss the essential features of the Constitution of India and explain how it reflects both federal and unitary elements.
2. Critically examine the role of Judicial Review in protecting fundamental rights and maintaining constitutional balance.

Assignment – II

(Answer the following questions in about 250 words each. Each carries 10 marks)

3. Explain the main powers and functions of the Indian Parliament.
4. Analyse the National Emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution.
5. Discuss the changing nature of the party system in India since independence.

Assignment – III

(Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. Each carries 6 marks)

6. What is meant by the “Dominant Party System” in Indian politics?
7. Write a short note on the role and utility of the Inter-State Council.
8. Explain the significance of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.
9. Briefly discuss the criminalisation of politics in India.
10. Write a note on the Chipko Movement and its importance for environmental politics.