

**BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMME
(BDP)**

ASSIGNMENT 2025-26

EPS-15 SOUTH ASIA: ECONOMY, SOCIETY & POLITICS



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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, 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) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **EPS 15 South Asia: Economy, Society and Politics**, which is a Eight credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %.

Assignment One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs). These are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point, and coherent manner.

Assignment Two has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to clearly understand concepts and processes.

Assignment Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recall the relevant/precise information about persons, writing, events, and or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

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.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

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	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science.

EPS -15: SOUTH ASIA: ECONOMY, SOCIETY AND POLITICS
(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Course code: EPS-15

Assignment Code: EPS-15/ASST/TMA/2025-26

Marks: 100

Note: Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each answer in Section I should be ~500 words (20 marks), and Section II answers ~250 words (20 marks each).

SECTION - I

(Answer in ~500 words each; 20 marks)

1. Explain the historical evolution of South Asian countries
2. Explain the geo-politics of South Asian countries
3. What are basic common features of South Asia?
4. Identify the principal human rights issues in South Asia?
5. What are the challenges of pluralism in South Asia?

SECTION - II

(Answer in ~250 words; 20 marks)

6. (a) What is ethnic conflict
(b) What is civil society?
7. (a) Land Reforms in South Asia
(b) Reasons of migration in south Asia
8. (a) What is SAARC?
(b) Panchayat System in Nepal
9. (a) Maoist Movement in Nepal
(b) Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka
10. (a) Partition and its impact
(b) System of government in Bhutan