

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

**MSc in Geography Programme
(MSCGG)
(2nd Semester)**

Valid from 1st January, 2025 to 31st December, 2025



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Dear Student,

Please read the section on assignments in the Programme Guide of MSc Geography Programme. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation, **which would consist of one tutor-marked assignment** for this course. The assignment given in this booklet consists of three parts, Part A, B and C. The total marks of all the parts are 100, of which 35% are needed to pass it.

Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format:

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NAME:.....
ADDRESS:.....
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COURSE CODE:
COURSE TITLE:
ASSIGNMENT NO.:
STUDY CENTRE:DATE:

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

- 2) Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 3) Leave 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet.
- 4) Your answers should be precise.
- 5) Complete each of Part A, Part B and Part C of this assignment separately, and **submit them together.**
- 6) The assignment answer sheets are to be submitted to your Study Centre within the due date. **Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted. We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your answer sheets.**
- 7) **This assignment is valid from 1st January, 2025 to 31st December, 2025. The last date for assignment submission is as follows:**
31st March 2025 for July 2024 admission cycle
30th September 2025 for January 2025 admission cycle
If you have failed in this assignment or fail to submit it by due date, then you need to get the assignment for the year 2026, and submit it as per the instructions given in the Programme Guide.
- 8) **You cannot fill the exam form for this course** till you have submitted this assignment. For any further queries, please contact: satyaraj@ignou.ac.in, vishalwarpa@ignou.ac.in, knrao@ignou.ac.in

We wish you good luck.

ASSIGNMENT

Urban Geography

Course Code: MGG-010

Assignment Code: MGG-010/TMA/2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Part-A

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. Discuss the evolution of urban settlements from ancient to modern times, highlighting the key factors influencing their growth and development.
2. Analyse the functional morphology of cities, with special reference to the Central Business District (CBD) and its role in shaping urban land use patterns. Provide examples from select case studies of Indian cities to illustrate your points.
3. Critically examine the contemporary challenges faced by urban environments, including pollution, urban flooding, heat islands, and climate change. Discuss potential strategies for mitigating these urban environmental problems.
4. Explore the role of urban planning in India, tracing its evolution, major concepts, and types. Highlight the significance of urban planning in addressing the diverse challenges of urbanisation in the Indian context.

Part-B

All Questions are compulsory. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Evaluate the effectiveness of urban programmes in India such as JNNURM, AMRUT, and Smart City Mission in addressing urban development challenges. Discuss their key features, implementation strategies, and impact on urban sustainability.
6. Explain the changing approaches in Urban Geography over time. How do they reflect the evolving nature of urbanisation and urbanism?
7. Compare and contrast the theories and models in urban studies, focusing on the Central Place Theory by Christaller and Losch, and the Growth Pole Theory by Perroux and Boudeville. Evaluate their relevance in explaining urban systems.

Part-C

8. Write Short notes on the following. Each question carries 5 marks.

- a) Concept of urban sprawl and its implications for urban development.
- b) Concept of sustainable urbanisation and its importance in ensuring the future viability of cities.
- c) Significance of the Basic-Non Basic concept in understanding urban economic functions.
- d) Impact of urban environmental pollution on public health and quality of life.
- e) Planning challenges associated with informal settlements in urban areas.
- f) Define urban morphology and discuss its importance in understanding the spatial organisation of cities.