

**Certificate Programme in  
Peace Studies and Conflict Management (CPSCM)**

**Assignments**

**July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions**

**Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies  
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## **Certificate Programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management (CPSCM)**

Dear learner,

As explained in the Programme Guide, you will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment for each course for the Certificate Programme. This booklet contains the assignments of three courses of **Certificate Programme in Peace Studies and Conflict Management (CPSCM)**.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide.

**It is important that you write the answers 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.

All assignments, including these, have to be **submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre**. Remember to obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a Xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will note down the marks awarded for each assignment and forward them to the Student Evaluation Division (SED) at IGNOU, New Delhi.

### **Submission:**

The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule

| <b>Last date of Submission</b>                                                      | <b>Whom to submit</b>                                  |
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| For July 2025 Session April 30, 2026 for<br>January 2026 Session September 30, 2026 | The Coordinator of the Study Centre<br>allotted to you |

## **INTRODUCTION TO PEACE AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (BGP-001)**

### **TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: BGP-001**

**Assignment Code: BGP-001/Asst/TMA/2025-26**

**Marks: 100**

**Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.**

#### **SECTION- I**

1. Critically examine the concept of peace by distinguishing between negative and positive peace. Discuss the relevance of peace-building processes in contemporary times.
2. Analyse the major theories of peace-building and evaluate their applicability in addressing modern global conflicts.
3. Explain the concept, sources, and stages of conflict. How does understanding the life cycle of conflict help in designing effective conflict management strategies?
4. Discuss the distinction between conflict management, conflict settlement, conflict transformation, and conflict resolution. Evaluate their effectiveness in achieving sustainable peace.
5. Examine the role of land reforms and human security in addressing structural violence and preventing conflicts. Critically analyse their limitations in contemporary societies.

#### **SECTION- II**

**Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**

6.
  - a) Importance of peace for human survival and development.
  - b) Human security and its key dimensions.
7.
  - a) Concept of conflict and its key characteristics.
  - b) Distinguish between violent and non-violent conflicts with suitable examples.
8.
  - a) Typology of conflicts and their changing nature in the post-Cold War era.
  - b) Role of perception and values in intensifying conflicts.
9.
  - a) Role of civil society in conflict management and peace-building.
  - b) Role of government in resolving conflicts in democratic societies.
10.
  - a) Significance of dialogue (inter-religious and among conflicting parties) in conflict resolution.
  - b) Importance of individual initiatives in promoting peace.