

BPAC-131

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(BAG)**

ASSIGNMENT

July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions

BPAC-131

**PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at 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% weight age while 70% weight age is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the major course **BPAC- 131–Perspectives on Public Administration**, which is a six-credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add upto 100 and carry a weight age of 30%.

Assignment A 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 your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Assignment B has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then writes the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or clear understanding of the concepts and processes.

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

Before you attempt the assignments, please carefully read the instructions 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 writings skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Submission of the completed Assignment

Admission batch	Last date of submission	Place of submission
July 2026 Session	31 st March 2027	Coordinator of the Study Center
January 2027 Session	30 th September 2027	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the submitted assignments 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 has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful 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 re arrange 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 you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

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BPAC-131: PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Tutor Marked Assignments

Course Code: BPAC-131
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/July-2026 and January-2027
Total Marks: 100

Assignment A

Answer the following in about 500 words each.

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| 1) Explain the meaning, nature and scope of public administration. | 20 |
| 2) Bring out the views of the major contributors to the administrative management approach. | 20 |

Assignment B

Answer the following in about 250 words each.

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| 3) Examine the nature of Riggs' Prismatic model. | 10 |
| 4) Describe the major Hawthorne experiments. | 10 |
| 5) Discuss the views of Harold Lasswell's on Policy Sciences. | 10 |

Assignment C

Answer the following in about 100 words each.

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| 6) What do you understand by Systems approach? | 06 |
| 7) Discuss the concept of public interest. | 06 |
| 8) Explain the features of public choice approach. | 06 |
| 9) Discuss the concept of New Public Management. | 06 |
| 10) What do you understand by the term 'Gender of Governance'? | 06 |