

**BPAE-144**

**Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration  
(BAG)**

**Assignment for the students enrolled in  
July 2025 and January 2026 sessions**

**Course Code: BPAE-144  
Social Policies and Administration**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
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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% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the generic elective course **BPAE- 144 Social Policy and Administration**, which is a six credit course. The booklet therefore has three TMAs whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage 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 write 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 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 section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing 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 assignments:**

| Admission batch                           | Last date of Submission       | Place of submission                       |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| For the students enrolled in July 2025    | 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026   | Coordinator of the student's Study Center |
| For the students enrolled in January 2026 | 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2026 |   |

You must 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 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 rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** 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 considering 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 emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

**Wish you all the best!**

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**BPAE-144: Social Policies and Administration  
Assignment (TMA)**

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**Marks: 100**

**This assignment consists of Section A, B and C. Answer all the questions, marks are indicated on the right hand side.**

**Assignment: A**

1. Define social policy and discuss in detail its characteristics, scope and goal. 20
2. What do you mean by food security? Discuss salient features of National Food Security Act 2013. 20

**Assignment: B**

3. Briefly discuss the Indian context of social administration. 10
4. Explain the term 'poverty' and bring out its estimation method. 10
5. Write a note on public distribution system (PDS). 10

**Assignment: C**

6. Explain the objectives of social policy. 6
7. What is Samagra Shiksha? 6
8. Mention the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-4 and bring out its target. 6
9. Explain the major provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2005. 6
10. What is social Audit? 6