BPSE-143

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) [BAFPS]
and
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Political Science [BAPSH]

ASSIGNMENT 2026-27

BPSE-143: State Politics in India

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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 **BPSE-143: State Politics in India,** 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 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, 2026 Session	**March 31, 2027**	**The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**
January, 2027 Session	**September 30, 2027**	

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.

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Assignment Code: BPSE-143/ASST/TMA/2026-27

Marks: 100

Assignment – I

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. (2 × 20 = 40 marks)

1. Trace the development of state politics in India and discuss the major approaches to its study.

2. Analyse Union-State and State-local relations in the Indian federal system.

Assignment – II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each. (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

3. Discuss the demands for state autonomy and sub-regional autonomy in India.

4. Explain the major state development models in India.

5. Examine the relationship between migration and state politics.

Assignment – III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

6. State party system

7. Electoral politics in the states

8. Political leadership in the states

9. Political assertion of Dalits, OBCs and women

10. Regions and tribes in state politics