

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

ASSIGNMENT 2025-2026

BPSM -161:



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BPSM -162: INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

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), whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 %. This Assignment booklet has three TMAs for the core course **BPSM 162: Indian Government and Politics**, a four-credit course.

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.

Submission:

You need to submit these assignments together within the stipulated time to be eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

If you are registered for this course in July 2024, you should submit these TMAs by 30th April 2025. Those registered for this course in the January 2025 session should submit by 31st October 2025. You are, however, advised to avoid the last-minute rush and submit the assignment well before the deadline.

Like all other assignments, this should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. Your Regional Centre may allow you to submit this assignment online on its website. Please visit the website of your Regional Centre to check if an online submission facility is available or not.

Always keep a Xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre/Regional Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated.

We expect you to answer each question as per the guidelines for each category mentioned in the assignment. You will find it helpful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully and go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them logically.
- 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) It is written correctly, giving adequate consideration to your expression, style, and presentation.

- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write the final version neatly for submission. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.
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Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

**BPSM-161: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

Course Code: BPSM-161
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Marks: 100

Answer all questions in the three Sections and submit them together.

Assignment - I

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. What is Politics? Discuss its nature, scope, and significance in human society.
2. Explain the revival of political theory. What were the reasons for its decline, and how has it re-emerged in recent decades?

Assignment - II

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

3. Distinguish between Political Theory and Political Philosophy.
4. Discuss Max Weber's typology of legitimate authority.
5. What are the key differences between the liberal and Marxist perspectives on the state?

Assignment - III

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. Each question carries 6 marks.

6. Define Civil Society and explain its role in democratic politics.
7. What is meant by 'Distributive Justice'?
8. Write a short note on the empirical approach in political theory.
9. Explain the concept of 'Manipulated Consent'.
10. What are the basic features of the Modern Nation-State?