

BPSM-163

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE(BAFPS/BAM)**

ASSIGNMENT

July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions



School of Social Sciences

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B.A. (Political Science)
CORE COURSES

Dear learner,

As explained in the Programme Guide, you will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment for each course in Political Science. This booklet contains the assignments of the first year courses of the Masters Programme in Political Science.

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.

Session	Last Date of Submission	To be Submitted to
For July 2026 Session	March 31, 2027	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2027 Session	September 30, 2027	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

**BPSM-162 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENTS)**

Assignment Code: BPSM-162/ASST/TMA/2026-2027

Marks: 100

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

Assignment - I

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

1. Critically examine the relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. How do these provisions together advance the constitutional goals of justice, liberty and equality?
2. Analyse the transformation of the party system in India from the era of Congress dominance to a competitive multi-party system. What factors account for this change?

Assignment - II

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

3. Examine the relationship between the legislature and executive in India's parliamentary system. How is executive accountability to Parliament maintained?
4. Discuss how caste, class and tribe shape political mobilisation and representation in India.
5. Explain the concepts of secularism and communalism. How do tensions between them affect democratic politics in India?

Assignment - III

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

6. What are the main features of the Gandhian approach to the study of Indian politics?
7. What is meant by the basic structure doctrine?
8. Explain the role of judicial review in the Indian political system.
9. Briefly discuss gender as a social and political category in India.
10. What role do workers and farmers play in Indian politics?