

**BPSM-162**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**ASSIGNMENT 2025-26**

**BPSM -162: INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**



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### 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 2025, you should submit these TMAs by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Those registered for this course in the January 2026 session should submit by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026.** 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.

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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,**

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENTS)**

**Course code: BPSM-162**

**Assignment Code: BPSM-162/ASST/TMA/2025**

**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 Liberal, Marxist and Gandhian approaches to the study of Indian politics. How do these approaches differ in their understanding of political processes, state, society and change?
2. Discuss the essential features of the Indian Constitution. Explain how sovereignty, democracy, federalism, fundamental rights and emergency provisions together shape the functioning of the Indian political system.

**Assignment - II**

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

3. Explain the relationship between caste and politics in India. How has the nature of caste changed in the post-Independence period?
4. Discuss the structure and functions of the Indian Parliament. Explain the role of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and the President in the legislative process.
5. Explain the meaning of secularism in the Indian context. Discuss the major debates associated with secularism and its relationship with democracy and equality.

**Assignment - III**

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

6. What are Fundamental Rights? Explain their significance in the Indian Constitution.
7. Explain the concept of separation of powers in the Indian political system.
8. Distinguish between caste and class as forms of social identity in India.
9. What is meant by a dominant party system? Explain with reference to the Congress system in India.
10. What is meant by Directive Principles of State Policy? Explain their role in governance.