

**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-163 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENTS)

Assignment Code: BPSM-163/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 principal methods used in comparative political analysis. Discuss the relative strengths and limitations of the experimental, case-study, statistical, focused-comparison and historical methods.
2. Analyse the relationship between electoral systems and party systems. How do majoritarian and proportional representation systems influence political representation and government formation?

Assignment - II

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

3. Explain why federal systems are often adopted to accommodate diversity. Compare federal and unitary systems with reference to the distribution of powers and the conditions necessary for a successful federation.
4. What factors explain military intervention in politics? Discuss the major features and consequences of military regimes.
5. Compare the role and character of the state in developed and developing countries.

Assignment - III

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

6. Distinguish between comparative politics and comparative government.
7. What is meant by an authoritarian regime? Mention its principal features.
8. How do pressure groups differ from political parties?
9. Explain the idea of civil society as a public sphere.
10. Mention any two ways in which globalisation affects state sovereignty.