

PGDDM

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

ASSIGNMENTS 2026



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Dear Student,

As we explained in the Programme Guide for Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management, you will have to do one Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each four-credit course.

Each assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 400 words each. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section. You will find that the questions in the assignments are analytical and descriptive so that you can better understand and comprehend the concepts.

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 each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You are to submit the assignments to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it with you. It is desirable to keep a photocopy of the assignments submitted by you.

Once evaluated, the Study Centre will return the assignments to you. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will send the marks to the IGNOU Regional Centre concerned and the latter shall send it to SE Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENT

We expect you to answer each question, as per instructions in the assignment.

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignment carefully; go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent.
 - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
 - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. It is mandatory to write the assignment neatly in your own handwriting. If you so desire, you may underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit. Do not type the assignments.

**Wishing you all the best,
Programme Coordinator**

MPA-005: Disaster Response

Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MPA-005

Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2026

Marks: 50

This assignment consists of Section I and II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 400 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each Section. Each question carries 10 marks.

SECTION –I

- 1) Why do we need response plan? Discuss briefly the response plan existing at the Central level.
- 2) Explain the role of various techniques of communication.
- 3) Discuss briefly search and rescue operations during disaster response.
- 4) Write a note on the various techniques of assessment.
- 5) Explain the administrative response framework in the disaster response structure at the national level.

SECTION-II

- 6) Give an overview of the capabilities and resources that will give an indication to the diverse nature of tasks the armed forces will be expected to perform.
- 7) ‘Youth organizations play a critical role in the area of disaster management.’ Elaborate.
- 8) Discuss the role of community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations (with examples of NGOs) in disaster response.
- 9) ‘During disasters, humans normally experience a range of psychological and physiological reactions.’ Explain in the light of the statement the management of human reactions in disaster situations.
- 10) What are the minimum standards existing for food aid in emergencies?