

MPA

M.A. (Public Administration)

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Assignments

(For M.A. 1st Year Courses)

For July 2025 and January 2026 Session



Faculty of Public Administration

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As a requirement of the Programme, you will have to do one Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you answer 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 with you 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 SE Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Submission:

Note: This booklet contains Assignments of all the four courses offered in M.A. 1st year. You are requested to submit the same within the below mentioned stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Assignment Number	Date of Submission	Whom to send
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) of MPA-011, MPA-012, MPA-013, and MPA-014	March 31, 2026 for July 2025 Session September 30, 2026 for January 2026 Session	To The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENTS

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 assignments 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) **Organisation:** 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 all assignments 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.

Wishing you all the best,

Prof. Alka Dhameja
PROGRAMME COORDINATOR
M.A. (Public Administration)

MPA-012: ADMINISTRATIVE THEORY

Course Code: MPA-012

Assignment Code: MPA-12/Asst/TMA/2025-26

Marks: 100

This 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 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Discuss the nature of an organisation and bring out the characteristics and functions of formal and informal organisations. 20
- 2) Describe the general principles of administration. 20
- 3) Analyse F.W. Taylor contribution towards the Scientific Management Theory. 20
- 4) Explain Max Weber's views on Authority. 20
- 5) Examine the views of Chris Argyris on human personality and its impact on the working of organisation. 20

SECTION-II

- 6) Describe Douglas McGregor's Theory 'X' and Theory 'Y'. 20
- 7) Discuss the views of David Easton and Chester Barnard on the Systems Approach. 20
- 8) 'Bureaucracy and Administration could be analysed using the Public Choice Approach'. Comment. 20
- 9) Bring out the importance of Critical Theory in Public Administration. 20
- 10) Critically examine the first and second Minnowbrook Conferences. 20