

**MPS-001**

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME  
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (MPS)**

**ASSIGNMENT  
(First Year)**

**July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions**



**School of Social Sciences  
Indira Gandhi National Open University  
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**M.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.

<b>Session</b>	<b>Last Date of Submission</b>	<b>To be Submitted to</b>
For July 2025 Session	March 31, 2026	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2026 Session	September 30, 2026	

Wishing you all the best,

**Faculty of Political Science**

**POLITICAL THEORY (MPS-001)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**Course Code: MPS-001**  
**Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2025-26**  
**Marks: 100**

**Note:** Answer five questions, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question must be answered in about 500 words. Each carries 20 marks.

**SECTION – I**

1. What is Political Theory and why should we study it? Explain.
2. Trace the historical background of Democracy.
3. Explain the meaning and nature of rights.
4. Discuss negative liberty.
5. Write a note on the struggle for equality.

**SECTION – II**

Write a short note in each of the following in about 250 words.

6. (a) Classical Liberalism  
(b) Welfare State
7. (a) Libertarianism  
(b) Karl Marx
8. (a) George Lucpas  
(b) Socialism
9. (a) Conservatism  
(b) Fundamentalism
10. (a) Nationalism  
(b) Multiculturalism