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# **Master's Degree Programme in Sociology**

**Second Year  
M.A. Sociology**

**Assignment for students admitted in  
July 2025 and January 2026 sessions**

## **Assignment for the Elective Courses:**

MSOE-001: Sociology of Education  
MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities  
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion  
MSOE-004: Urban Sociology  
MPS-003: India: Democracy and Development  
MPA-016: Decentralization and Local Governance



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## ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment (TMA) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words**.

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2025 Batch	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2026	<b>To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
For students admitted in January 2026 Batch	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	

You must **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 has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

### **Some Tips for Doing Assignments**

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

- 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) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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**INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code: MPS-003  
Assignment Code: /Asst/TMA/2025-26  
Marks: 100**

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

**SECTION-I**

1. Define development from a political perspective. How does democratic governance influence the process and outcomes of development in India?
2. Assess the institutional mechanisms of centre-state relations in India.
3. Critically examine the implications of economic liberalisation on employment and inequality in India.
4. Discuss the evolution, objectives, and contemporary relevance of Dalit movements in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) The changing role of the state in a liberalised economy
  - b) The link between civil society and democratic development

**SECTION-II**

6. How does political participation contribute to inclusive development? Discuss contemporary trends in India.
7. Analyse the emergence of identity-based regionalism and its impact on national integration.
8. Explain the concept of sustainable development and assess India's policy responses to environmental challenges.
9. Examine the demographic and socio-economic consequences of over-urbanisation in Indian cities.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Human Development Approach
  - b) Migration and informal labour in urban India