

MPS-003

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions



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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.

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

INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-003

Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2026-27

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. Critically examine the competing models of development that shaped India's post-Independence development strategy. How did the legacy of the national movement influence these choices?
2. Examine the Constitution as an instrument of social transformation. To what extent has it addressed inequalities based on caste and class?
3. Analyse the relationship between federalism and democratic decentralisation in India. What factors limit the effective devolution of powers to local self-government institutions?
4. Analyse the changing nature of political participation in India. What roles do political parties and non-party institutions play in deepening democracy?
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Bureaucracy and democratic accountability
 - (b) Media and public policy

SECTION – II

6. Critically assess India's human-development experience with particular reference to health, education and social security.
7. Analyse how gender inequalities affect development outcomes in India. Discuss the significance of a gender-sensitive approach to development.
8. Examine the relationship between regional imbalances and migration in India. How do these processes reinforce uneven development?
9. Evaluate the impact of economic reforms and globalisation on democracy and development in India, with particular reference to inequality and environmental sustainability.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Religious politics and democratic development
 - (b) Ethnicity and the nation-state