

**MPS-004**

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

**ASSIGNMENT  
(First Year)**

**July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions**



**School of Social Sciences  
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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 marked 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**

## **COMPARATIVE POLITICS: ISSUES AND TRENDS (MPS-004)**

### **TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**

**Course Code:** MPS-004

**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. Define the scope and significance of comparative politics. How has the field evolved in the post-colonial and globalisation era?
2. Examine the Marxist view of the state. How does it differ from the liberal and Gandhian perspectives?
3. Discuss the relevance of the political economy approach to the study of comparative politics. Illustrate with suitable examples.
4. What is the world-systems approach? Critically analyse its contribution to the understanding of global inequalities.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Structural-functional approach in political analysis
  - b) Comparative method in political science

### **SECTION – II**

6. Explain the concept of multiculturalism. How is it used as a strategy to manage ethnic and cultural diversity in modern states?
7. Discuss the feminist critique of the modern state. How does it challenge the dominant frameworks of comparative politics?
8. Assess the relationship between bureaucracy and development in the context of developing countries.
9. Examine the impact of globalisation on national identity and sovereignty in the Global South.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
  - a) Civil society and its role in democracy
  - b) Duverger's classification of party systems

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