MPS-004

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (MPS)

ASSIGNMENT 2026-27

(First Year)

MPS-004: COMPARATIVE POLITICS: ISSUES AND TRENDS

Faculty of Political Science

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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 Master's Programme in Political Science.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time to be 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 **For January 2027 Session**	**March 31, 2027** **September 30, 2027**	**The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Course Code: MPS-004

Assignment Code: MPS-004/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 question carries 20 marks.

SECTION – I

1. Examine Gabriel Almond's structural-functional approach.

2. What is Political Economy? Discuss Wallerstein's World Systems Theory.

3. Compare the Social Contract, Evolutionary and Marxist theories of the origin of the state.

4. How has the developing state changed in the era of globalisation, privatisation and localisation?

5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:

a) Importance of Civil Society for democratic theory and practice

b) Impact of Globalisation on Sovereignty of State

SECTION – II

6. Discuss the impact of regional integration on the nature, functions and sovereignty of the state.

7. Trace the historical background of international organisations and explain the different ways in which international organisations are classified.

8. Discuss the meaning and origin of constitutionalism, and compare the British and American models.

9. Compare two-party, multi-party and one-party systems and distinguish a dominant-party system from a one-party system.

10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:

a) Distinguish nationalism from related terms such as nation, state and nation-state.

b) Relationship between Gender and Development