MPS-101

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE(MPS)

ASSIGNMENT

(First Year)

July 2026 and January 2027 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.

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

POLITICAL THEORY: KEY CONCEPTS (MPS-101)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-101

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 question carries 20 marks.

SECTION – I

1. Examine the nine features of the state in Political theory.

2. Trace the evolution of the concept of Sovereignty.

3. What are the key differences between power and authority, and how do they interact within societies?

4. Discuss Rawls's assertion that legitimacy is "weaker than justice." Can substantively unjust regimes be legitimate?

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

   (a) Democracy

   (b) Discuss Pitkin's views on representation.

SECTION – II

6. Distinguish between liberal and Communitarian conceptions of Citizenship.

7. What is Rule of Law? Discuss the English Rule of Law.

8. What do you understand by justice? Briefly explain the concept as per your understanding of it.

9. Explain how feminist, multicultural and relational approaches have expanded the meaning of equality.

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

    (a) Dignity and Self-respect

    (b) Tolerance as a Political Virtue