

MPS-107

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

**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

INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM: PROCESSES AND DYNAMICS (MPS-107)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-107

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. Trace the transformation of India's party system from Congress dominance to a competitive, regionalised multi-party system. What has this transformation meant for representation and coalition politics?
2. Critically examine the role of interest groups and lobbies in Indian politics. How do unequal resources, access and regulatory transparency affect their democratic legitimacy?
3. Analyse the influence of media and digital political communication on political discourse and electoral politics in India.
4. Examine how religion and caste are politically mobilised in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Gender and politics
 - (b) Tribals and politics

SECTION – II

6. Analyse the relationship between language, region and regional identities in Indian politics. How do these factors shape political mobilisation and claims for recognition?
7. Examine statehood and autonomy movements as forms of democratic bargaining within Indian federalism.
8. Discuss citizenship and human development as interconnected dimensions of democratic inclusion in India.
9. Critically assess welfare and redistribution as arenas of democratic politics in India. How do constitutional commitments, electoral competition and administrative capacity shape redistributive outcomes?
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:
 - (a) Environmental politics
 - (b) Technology and democracy