

MPS-002

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

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2025 and January 2026 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 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 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

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORY AND PROBLEMS
(MPS-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2025-26
Marks: 100

Note: Answer five questions, selecting at least two questions from each section.

SECTION – I

Answer in ~ 500 words per answer (20 marks each)

1. Explain the realist approach in international relations.
2. Critically examine Marxism and neocolonialism in IR.
3. Distinguish between globalism and globalization.
4. Analyse the North–South divide in global environmental crises.
5. Define self-determination and its contemporary relevance.

SECTION – II

Answer in ~250 words per answer (20 marks each)

6. (a) What are international security communities?
(b) Discuss transnational movements.
7. (a) Comment on the role of science and technology in International relations.
(b) Explain the role of NGOs in global politics.
8. (a) Define regionalism and theories behind it.
(b) Explain the functions of the IMF and World Bank.
9. (a) How does nuclear proliferation pose a threat?
(b) Examine ethnic resurgence and identity-based conflicts.
10. (a) Discuss intervention: types and international law dimensions.
(b) Write a note on international terrorism versus cross-border conflict.