

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

Assignments

(M.A. Second Year Courses)

July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions



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ELECTIVE COURSES: M.A. II Year (POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Dear Student,

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you will have to do one Tutor Marked Assignment for each of the courses in the Master's Degree Programme in Political Science. Each assignment has descriptive and short category questions. Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs) are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. These are intended to test your ability to describe your understanding/knowledge about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner. Short Category Questions (SCQs) require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner. They are meant to test your understanding of the concepts and processes, and your capacity to critically analyse them.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions 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.

This booklet has assignments of all II year courses of Master's in Political Science. Do the assignments of only those courses for which you are enrolled and leave the rest.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Last date of Submission	Whom to submit
March 31, 2026 for July 2025 Session September 30, 2026 for January 2026 Session	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

Please 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 return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division (SED) at IGNOU, New Delhi.

STATE AND SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA (MPSE-002)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPSE-002

Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2025-26

Marks: 100

Note: Answer five questions in total, choosing at least two questions from each section.

SECTION - I

(Answer in ~500 words each; 20 marks)

1. Describe the importance of minerals in Chile's 19th century economic development.
2. Analyse the relationship among market, state, and society under neo-liberalism in Latin America.
3. Discuss the role of populist movements in Latin America.
4. Briefly explain the causes of revolutionary movements in Latin America.
5. Outline the impact of resource endowment on Latin American social and economic structures.

SECTION - II

(Answer in ~250 words each; 20 marks each)

6. (a) Describe the role of religion in addressing socio-political issues.
(b) How do democracy and economic development reinforce each other in Latin America?
7. (a) Comment on agrarian and land rights movement
(b) Discuss the characteristics of new social movements vs. old ones.
8. (a) Examine the role of the military in Latin American politics.
(b) Describe the Organisation of American States.
9. (a) Write a note on Latin America–India relations.
(b) Discuss women's movements in Latin America.
10. (a) Explore the nature of dependency theory.
(b) Describe the effects of foreign investment in Latin American countries.