**MPSE-004**

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

## ASSIGNMENT

**(First Year)**

**July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions**

**School of Social Sciences**
**Indira Gandhi National Open University**
**Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-11006**

**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 |
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| 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**

# SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MODERN INDIA
# (MPSE-004)
## TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

**Course Code**: MPSE-004
**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. Elucidate how does religion influenced the Polity in pre-modern India.

2. Discuss different strands of thought among scholars on the question of colonial modernity.

3. Discuss various aspects of Muslim Thought in India.

4. How do you account for the difference between Raja Rammohan Roy, Bankim and Phule on the one hand and Dayananda on the other?

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

   (a) Moderates and Extremists in Indian Nationalist movement.

   (b) Nationalist ideas in Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo Ghosh.

## SECTION – II

6. Analyse Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's views on Hindu-Muslim Unity.

7. Explain pandita Rama Bai's contribution to Women's rise and reform.

8. Discuss Gandhiji's views on religion and its relationship with politics.

9. Why does Ambedkar think that struggle against untouchability has to be launched on several fronts?

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

   (a) Jawaharlal Nehru’s Scientific temper.

   (b) Ram Manohar Lohia’s socialism