MPSE-011

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (MPS) / MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) (ONE YEAR) (MAPSOY)

ASSIGNMENT 2026-27

(Second Year/Second Semester)

MPSE-011: THE EUROPEAN UNION IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Faculty of Political Science

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M.A. (Political Science)

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 Second-year optional course of the Master's Programme in Political Science (MPS)/course of Semester-Second of MAPSOY: Master of Arts (Political Science) (One Year).

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 **For January 2027 Session**	**March 31, 2027** **September 30, 2027**	**The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Course Code: MPSE-011

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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. Compare Neo-Functionalism and intergovernmentalism. Which better explains the uneven pace of European integration, and where do both fall short?

2. Examine the composition and functions of the European Commission and the European Parliament. How far has the growing role of the European Parliament addressed the European Union's 'democratic deficit'?

3. Explain the shift from the consultation and cooperation to co-decision, alongside the spread of qualified majority voting and the 'double majority' rule.

4. Critically assess how far the Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice Treaties deepened the European Union?

5. Compare the approaches of Germany, France and the United Kingdom to European integration. How have history, national identity and domestic politics shaped each one's stance?

SECTION – II

6. Outline the stages of Economic and Monetary Union. Do the benefit s of a single currency outweigh the loss of national monetary policy? Refer to the European Central Bank and the Stability and Growth pact.

7. Why has foreign and security policy proved harder to integrate than economic policy?

8. Critically examine the nature, limitations and potential of India-European Union relations with reference to trade, investment, development cooperation.

9. Make a comparative analysis of regionalism in Europe and South Asia, with reference to the European Union's relations with ASEAN, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and SAARC.

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

a) The European Union's Common Agricultural Policy

b) The Cecchini Report and the Single European Act, 1987