

**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 AUSTRALIA (MPSE-012)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPSE-012

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 characteristics of Australian society.
2. Discuss the colonisation process and its impact on Aboriginal identity.
3. Examine the emergence of multiculturalism in Australia.
4. Analyse the role and programme of major political parties in Australia.
5. Explain the development of Commonwealth constitutional principles.

SECTION - II

(Answer in ~250 words each; 20 marks)

6. (a) Write a short note on women's political participation in Australia.
(b) Comment on Indian Diaspora in Australia.
7. (a) Note on the Australian economy in the era of globalisation.
(b) Discuss recent trends in immigration and its economic impact.
8. (a) Examine the role of the welfare state in Australia.
(b) Comment on recent elections in Australia.
9. (a) Write a note on nationalism and national identity in Australia.
(b) Analyse the role of pressure groups in Australian politics.
10. (a) Assess the political participation of Aboriginal peoples in Australia.
(b) Discuss Australia's engagement with globalisation.