MPSE-008

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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ASSIGNMENT

July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions

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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 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 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

STATE POLITICS IN INDIA (MPSE-008)

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPSE-008

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. Trace the development of state politics in India.
2. Discuss the major frameworks for the analysis of state politics in India.
3. Explain the nature of Indian diversities and the nationalist responses to them.
4. Examine the place of the states in the constitutional scheme and the development of the state system in India.
5. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:

a) Elections and electoral politics

b) Political parties and party systems

SECTION – II

6. Analyse the patterns of dissent and protest movements in Indian states.
7. Discuss developmental issues and regional disparities in the context of globalisation and liberalisation.
8. Examine agrarian transformation and land reforms in Indian states.
9. Analyse the nature of inter-state disputes over water and territorial boundaries.
10. Write short notes on the following in about 250 words each:

a) Assertion of Dalits and backward castes

b) State autonomy movements in India