

**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
**Core Course in M.A. Sociology**  
**MSO-003: Sociology of Development**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)**

**Programme Code: MSO**

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**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Weightage: 30%**

**Answer any five questions selecting *at least two* from each of the sections. Your answers should be in about 500 words each.**

**Marks**

**Section -I**

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| 1. | How does development affect the environment? Discuss with examples.  | 20 |
| 2. | What are the main problems caused by big dams in India? Do you think building big dams is a good idea? Why or why not?                                       | 20 |
| 3. | Explain in detail the concept of ethno-development and its relevance in India's developmental strategy.  | 20 |
| 4. | How have Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) contributed to the growth of employment opportunities in rural areas?                             | 20 |
| 5. | How has globalisation affected the traditional knowledge and practices of local communities? Do you think globalisation is helping or harming them? Explain. | 20 |

**Section-II**

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| 6.  | What do you understand by the concept of modernisation? Do you think modernisation helps in improving society? Give reasons. | 20 |
| 7.  | Why is it important to include women in all stages of development planning and decision-making?                              | 20 |
| 8.  | What do you understand by 'human development'? How does it differ from economic development?                                 | 20 |
| 9.  | Do you agree that overpopulation is the main cause of poverty in developing countries? Justify your answer with examples.    | 20 |
| 10. | Discuss the role of civil society for the empowerment of the marginalized sections of the society.                           | 20 |