

TOURISM STUDIES

DTS Assignments Booklet (2026)

**Compulsory Courses
TS-1 to TS-3**

**Optional Course
TS-4 to TS-6**



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Dear Student,

You will have to do one Tutor Market Assignment (TMA) in each of the courses in Tourism Studies.

Before attempting the assignments please read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide for Tourism Studies. In this despatch we are sending you the Assignments for TS-1 to TS-3 (compulsory courses) and TS-4 to TS-6 (optional courses). *Students are advised to attempt only one opted course from TS-4 to TS-6.*

Note: All Assignments must be **submitted in time** and they should be **sent to the Coordinator of your Study Centre**. You must mention your Enrolment Number, Name, Address, Assignment Code and Study Centre Code on the first page of the assignment.

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy of the assignments with you.

After evaluation, the assignments have to be returned to you by the Study Centre. Please insist for this and keep them as a record with you. The Study Centre has to send the marks to Students Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENTS

We expect you to answer each question in about 700/500 words or as mentioned in the assignments. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:

- a) is logical and coherent;
 - b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs; and
 - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise.

Wishing you all the best,

Prof. (Dr.) Paramita Suklabaidya
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Last Date of Submission of Assignments

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

Compulsory Course	For June Term End Examination 2026	For December Term End Examination 2026
TS-1	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
TS-2	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
TS-3	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
Optional Course		
TS-4	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
TS-5	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
TS-6	April 30, 2026	October 30, 2026

**TS- 5 ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM
(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

**Course Code: TS-5
Total Marks: 100**

**Programme: DTS
Assignment Code: TS-5/ TMA/ 2026**

**Note: This TMA consists of ten questions, out of which you have to attempt any five.
The question carries 20 marks each and should be answered in about 600 words each.
Send your TMA to the coordinator of your Study Centre.**

1. Explain with examples the different components of the abiotic environment. Also discuss how they have changed with time. **20**
2. Discuss the concept of environment and its conservation in the Indian philosophical tradition. **20**
3. What are the different Biomes of India? How can the biomes be used as a tool for Tourism Promotion? Support your answer with suitable examples. **20**
4. Discuss the various environmental issues to be considered while developing coastal areas for tourism purposes. **20**
5. Differentiate between the following: **5 X 4 =20**
 - i) Slow Changes and Fast Changes in the Environment
 - ii) Freshwater Biome and Marine Biome
 - iii) Parasitism and Mutualism
 - iv) Food Chain and Food Web
 - v) Tropical Deciduous Forests and Tropical Rain Forests
6. What is meant by Carrying Capacity in Tourism? What is the need of Tourism Carrying Capacity? Explain with the help of suitable examples. **20**
7. Define Wetlands. Explain its significance and suggest measures for its conservation. **20**
8. Define Responsible Tourism. Discuss the ways in which responsible tourism helps in preserving nature. **20**
9. Critically analyse the impact of Adventure Sports on the environment. Support your answer with suitable examples. **20**
10. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: **2X10 = 20**
 - i) Ecosystem
 - ii) Politics of Environment
 - iii) Importance of Biodiversity for Tourism