

MPS

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**ASSIGNMENT
(First Year)**

July 2017 and January 2018 Sessions



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M.A. (Political Science) CORE COURSES

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 marks 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 2017 Session	March 31, 2018	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For January 2018 Session	September 30, 2018	

Wishing you all the best,

Faculty of Political Science

POLITICAL THEORY (MPS-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-001
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2017-18
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Trace the growth and evolution of political theory.
2. Write an essay on procedural and substantive democracy.
3. What do you mean by rights? Elaborate.
4. Discuss some recent debates on liberty.
5. Examine the inter –relationship of equality with liberty and justice.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words.

6. (a) Characteristics of Liberalism
(b) Justification of the Welfare State
7. (a) Libertarianism
(b) Weakest link of the Chain (V-I Lenin)
8. (a) Frankfurt School
(b) Critiques of Marxism and Democratic Socialism
9. (a) Conservatism
(b) Fundamentalism
10. (a) Nationalism
(b) Multiculturalism

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: THEORY AND PROBLEMS (MPS-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-002
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2017-18
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Discuss the realist approach in International relations theory.
2. Examine the post-structuralist–post Modernist approach to International Relations.
3. Discuss the evolution of non-proliferation regime in the post-cold war International Relations.
4. Examine the role of science and technology in International Relations.
5. Explain the nature of American power and its impact on International Relations groupings.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words.

6.
 - a) Regional economic groupings
 - b) Inequality and Development
7.
 - a) Global corporating and state sovereignty
 - b) Human Rights and International Trade
8.
 - a) Role of NGOs in International Relations
 - b) Theory of balance of power
9.
 - a) Marxist approach to International Relations
 - b) Ethnic conflict in post cold war years
10.
 - a) Post-cold war International Relations and changing dimensions of security
 - b) Concept of justice in International Relations

INDIA: DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT (MPS-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: ASST/TMA/2017-18
Marks: 100

Answer any five questions in about 500 words each. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss how democracy and development are related to each other.
2. Critically examine the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) The Directive Principles of State Policy
 - b) Meaning of poverty line
3. Critically analyse the functioning of parliamentary democracy in India.
4. Discuss the main challenges of ethnicity for the nation-state of India.
5. Analyse the contribution of political parties to the success of India's democracy.

SECTION-II

6. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Gender and justice
 - b) Regionalism in Indian politics
7. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Inter-state cooperation
 - b) Internal migration in India
8. Analyse the role of NGOs in Indian democracy.
9. Comment on the following in about 250 words each:
 - a) Language and politics in India
 - b) Role of media in Indian democracy
10. Discuss the impact of the new economic policy on the Indian working class.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS: ISSUES AND TRENDS (MPS-004)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MPS-004
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2017-18
Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION- I

1. Critically examine the various strategies adopted by states in dealing with the challenges of ethno-nationalism.
2. The history of political thought is in reality the history of state-civil society relationship. Discuss with reference to the evolution of thought in modern times.
3. Briefly describe the liberal humanitarian approach to nationalism.
4. Examine the position of the countries of the North and South on biodiversity and climate change.
5. The poor continue to suffer under the process of globalisation and privatisation. Comment.

SECTION- II

Write a short note on each part of the question in about 250 words.

6.
 - a) Relationship between state and class in Marxist thought
 - b) General Systems theory of David Easton
7.
 - a) Limitations of the Structural Functional Approach
 - b) Classical Pluralist and Neo-Pluralist perspectives of the state
8.
 - a) Characteristics of bureaucracy in developing societies
 - b) Distinction between authoritarian and totalitarian regimes
9.
 - a) Impact of MNCs on state sovereignty
 - b) Constitutionalism
10.
 - a) State building and nation building
 - b) Socialist perspective on Human Rights
