

**Master of Arts (Development Studies)  
(MADVS)  
Assignments**

**(July, 2023 and January, 2024 Sessions)**



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Dear Learner,

You will have to do one assignment for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks. Irrespective of the year of registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Read the detailed instructions about assignments given in the Programme Guide.
- 2) The top of the first page of your response sheet should look like this:

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- 4) Use A-4 size paper for your responses, write on both sides with margin and tie all the pages carefully.
- 5) Write the question number with each answer.
- 6) **You should write in your own handwriting.**
- 7) **Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2023 Session is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and for January 2024 Session is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

### GUIDELINES

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the reading material / books on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.  
**Make sure that your answer:**
  - a) is around 600 words;
  - b) is logical and coherent;
  - c) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
  - d) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
- 3) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.

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**ASSIGNMENT - 1****Course Code: MDV-101  
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Define development. Discuss the characteristics of an underdeveloped countries.
2. What is meant by human development? Discuss the different approaches to human development.
3. Discuss Ragnar Nurkse's theory of balanced growth.
4. What is the basic idea behind neo-classical theories? Critically discuss Solow's model.
5. What is the difference between liberalism and neo-liberalism? Discuss the basic principles of neo-liberalism.

**ASSIGNMENT - 2****Course Code: MDV-102  
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is Change? Explain its characteristics and any two theories of Change.
2. Explain types of Communication and Listening.
3. What is Social Development Index? Explain the Social Processes of Development.
4. What do you mean by Exclusion? What are the factors and types of Exclusion? Explain.
5. Explain the types and causes of Disparity.

**ASSIGNMENT - 3****Course Code: MDV-103**  
**Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each**

1. Define paradigms of development. Explain four different paradigms of development.
2. What is unemployment? Explain various causes and dimensions of unemployment.
3. What is social development? Discuss social process and social dynamics of development.
4. Describe role of gender in development. What are gender adversaries and how to overcome them?
5. What is climate change? What are its impacts? Suggests various measures to overcome the effects of climate change.

**ASSIGNMENT - 4****Course Code: MDV-106**  
**Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each**

1. What do you understand by social science research? What are the different types of social science research? Discuss any two.
2. What is development research? Discuss monitoring and evaluation of development research project.
3. What is meant by sampling? Discuss the different methods of non-probability sampling.
4. What is meant by quantitative data? Discuss in detail the interview schedule method of quantitative data collection.
5. What do you understand by dispersion? Giving suitable examples, discuss the different methods of measuring dispersion.

**ASSIGNMENT - 5**

**Course Code: MDV-109**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the steps that have been taken since liberalization to reorient the role of planning in India?
2. Why urban development is now an important issue in India? Which all sectors in Urban development require more attention?
3. What are different types of Rural Cooperatives? Critically discuss the role of cooperative societies in rural development of India
4. What is role of youth in development? How are they important for rural development?
5. Explain unorganized sector. Discuss the role of unorganized sector in development of India.

**ASSIGNMENT - 6**

**Course Code: MDV-004**  
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What do you understand by gender? Explain the construction of a girl child.
2. What is radical feminism? Explain its contributions to the women's movement.
3. Why is there a need for gender planning? Explain practical and strategic needs.
4. What is informal economy? Describe how human rights are violated in the informal sector.
5. What is health? Discuss the relationship between gender and health.

**ASSIGNMENT - 7****Course Code: MDV-105****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Classify stakeholders. Discuss the importance of stakeholders' participation in development with examples.
2. What do you understand by space related, time related and relation related PRA methods? Explain the material, time and site requirements for different PRA methods.
3. Explain the importance of community participation in sustainable watershed management.
4. Explain the applicability of management concept in development by taking the example of management skills pyramid.
5. Discuss the meaning, characteristics, advantages and limitations of SWOT analysis

**ASSIGNMENT - 8****Course Code: MDV- 108****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What are different attributes of an innovation? Discuss the relationship between rate of adoption and attributes of innovation with suitable example.
2. Critically discuss the role of e-Governance in rural development with suitable examples.
3. Explain the interrelationship between extension and development with the help of a diagram.
4. How do you select extension teaching methods for various teaching occasions? Illustrate with suitable examples.
5. What do you understand by the concept 'learning' from development perspective? Discuss the research-based guidelines to make learning experiences effective in extension and development.

**ASSIGNMENT - 9****Course Code: MDV- 110  
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Differentiate between training and capacity development. Discuss different types of trainings with examples.
2. Why is evaluation of training programmes necessary? Discuss the process of training evaluation.
3. Select a training topic of your interest. Discuss how to plan and carry out an effective training programme of six days duration with 20 participants.
4. What do you understand by training needs assessment? Explain any one training needs identification approach with its advantages and disadvantages.
5. Discuss the importance of e-training and distance learning with advantages and disadvantages.

**ASSIGNMENT - 10****Course Code: MDV-111  
Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Describe the importance and need for capacity building of local self government representatives.
2. Analyze the role and problems of elected dalit representatives in local governance.
3. What do you mean by competencies? Discuss the major competencies for effective leadership in local self governance.
4. What do you understand by PESA? Discuss the mandatory powers of Gram Sabha in PESA Act, 1996?
5. Critically present the role of civil society in local development.

**ASSIGNMENT - 11****Course Code: MEDS-041****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. Discuss the features of urbanization in the post-colonial era. Discuss how globalization has affected cities.
2. Explain the urban planning theories.
3. Discuss various principles of land use planning.
4. Why e-governance is needed for urban governance? Discuss a few urban e-governance practices in India.
5. What are various types of municipal assets? Describe various strategies of municipal asset management.

**ASSIGNMENT - 12****Course Code: MEDS-042****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is Urban Transport System Management? Discuss different categories of Transport System Management in urban areas.
2. What are various features of urban health challenges? Explain problems associated with urban health challenges?
3. Define Poverty. Discuss the causes and consequences of urban poverty.
4. Explain why water bodies are important to urban areas. What are the factors responsible for the degradation of water bodies in urban areas?
5. Classify urban housing. Describe the process of housing development in urban areas.

**ASSIGNMENT - 13****Course Code: MDV-115****Maximum Marks: 100****Answer all the questions. All questions carry 20 marks each.**

1. What is 'age-sex structure'? Make a comparison between developed and developing countries in terms of population composition.
2. Discuss inter-sectoral co-ordination. Why is there need for co-ordination in primary health care?
3. Explain the traditional Indian healing system of *Ayurveda* and its contemporary relevance.
4. Explain major steps in developing Health management information system (HMIS) in India.
5. What is a venereal disease? Describe its various forms and major health problem in reproductive health care in India.

