

MGP

**GANDHI AND PEACE STUDIES  
(Modular)**

**Assignment 2023-2024**

**Master of Arts in Gandhi and Peace Studies (MAGPS)  
Post Graduate Diploma in Gandhi and Peace Studies (PGDGPS)  
Post Graduate Certificate in Gandhi and Peace Studies (PGCGPS)**



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Dear Learner,

As we explained in the Programme Guide for Master's Degree in Gandhi and Peace Studies (Modular Programme), you will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment for each course in the Programme. This booklet contains the assignments of **Master of Arts in Gandhi and Peace Studies (MAGPS)**, **Post Graduate Diploma in Gandhi and Peace Studies (PGDGPS)**, **Post Graduate Certificate in Gandhi and Peace Studies (PGCGPS)** courses of the modular programme of Gandhi and Peace Studies.

You need to submit all the assignments which form a part of your programme within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination for the programme, you are registered. 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 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:**

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

<b>Last date of Submission</b>	<b>Whom to submit</b>
<b>March 31, 2024 for July 2023 Session</b>	<b>The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you</b>
<b>September 30, 2024 for January 2024 Session</b>	

**COURSE: GANDHI: THE MAN AND HIS TIMES (MGP-001)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGP-001  
Assignment Code: MGP-001/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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. Briefly examine the conditions of Indians living in South Africa at the time of Gandhi's arrival.
2. What are the major ideas of Henry David Thoreau and how did they influence Gandhi?
3. Was Gandhi successful resisting the separation of depressed classes? Examine.
4. Outline the role played by Gandhi's parents, his family and his neighbourhood instilling noble qualities.
5. Asses the contribution of Bhagat Singh to the Indian freedom struggle.

**SECTION- II**

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

6.
  - a) Responses to Poona Pact
  - b) Representation of Depressed Classes
7.
  - a) Ahmedabad Textile Mill Labour Satyagraha (February-March,1918)
  - b) Background to the Non-Cooperation Movement
8.
  - a) Village Sanitation
  - b) Upliftment of Women
9.
  - a) Muslim League and Jinnah
  - b) Dange's views on positive contribution of Gandhi
10.
  - a) Gandhi-Irwin Pact
  - b) Gandhi and Partition

**COURSE: PHILOSOPHY OF GANDHI (MGP-002)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGP-002**  
**Assignment Code: MGP-002/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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. Explain Thoreau's arguments in support of civil disobedience.
2. How did Gandhi redefine Hindu tradition and its dharma?
3. Examine Gandhi's perception on western concepts of nation state and modern industrialisation.
4. Critically analyse Gandhi's formulation of 'Truth is God'
5. Discuss the principles of swadeshi and its relevance in contemporary times

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Gandhi's views on Inner Purification
  - b) Truth and Liberation
7.
  - a) Universal Religion: Unity in Diversity
  - b) Swadeshi Movement and Khadi
8.
  - a) Bardoli Satyagraha
  - b) Ecological dimension of Sarvodaya
9.
  - a) Gandhi and Anekantavada
  - b) Ruskin and Gandhian Economic Thought
10.
  - a) Gandhi's views on Hinduism
  - b) Satyagraha and Non-Violence

**COURSE: GANDHI'S SOCIAL THOUGHT (MGP-003)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGP-003**  
**Assignment Code: MGP-003/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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. What do you understand by Modernity and Post- Modernity?
2. According to Gandhi, women are custodians of values and culture. Substantiate your arguments.
3. 'Children are the true practitioners of truth and non-violence'. Enumerate Gandhi's views in this context.
4. What is the different between absolute truth and relative truth?
5. State the meaning of the term 'Welfare' in Gandhian perspective.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Gandhi's Concept of Religion
  - b) Gandhi's views on Child Marriage
7.
  - a) Gandhi's views on Industrial Relations
  - b) Gandhi's views on Nai Talim (New Education)
8.
  - a) Environmental Crisis
  - b) Village v/s Urban Life
9.
  - a) Gandhi's views on Buddhism
  - b) Merits and Demerits of the Caste System
10.
  - a) Gandhi's views on women and India's future
  - b) Gandhi's views on Moral and Spiritual Development

**COURSE: GANDHI'S POLITICAL THOUGHT (MGP-004)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGP-004**  
**Assignment Code: MGP-004/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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. What do you understand by colonialism and imperialism? Elaborate its impact on the socio-economic life.
2. Examine the concepts of social transformation and redistribution of power in socialism.
3. Describe the role of pluralism and tolerance in the democratic world order.
4. Discuss the relevance, efficacy and feasibility of Gandhian Satyagraha in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
5. Differentiate between Direct and Indirect Violence.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Gandhi's concept of individual autonomy
  - b) The importance of satyagraha in the nuclear age
7.
  - a) Gandhi's concept of power
  - b) The role of constructive programme in Gandhi's philosophy
8.
  - a) Structural violence
  - b) Concept of Justice
9.
  - a) Gandhi's views of Fascism
  - b) Gandhi's views on racial and caste equality
10.
  - a) Conflict and its resolution
  - b) State, obligation and civil disobedience

**COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (MGP-005)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGP-005  
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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. "Peace is necessary for well being and justice". Give your reasons justifying this statement.
2. Critically examine the principles of justice as found in the Constitution of India.
3. Do you think that inequality and exploitation are structural problems?
4. What do you understand by peace education? Analyse its meaning and importance.
5. Which approach of resolution of conflicts in international politics appeals to you as satisfactory and why?

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Environment Degradation and Human Development
  - b) UNESCO and Peace Education
7.
  - a) Equality and Culture
  - b) Theories of Justice
8.
  - a) Lok Adalat
  - b) Relationship between peace and democracy
9.
  - a) Peace and Aggression
  - b) The Anti Vietnam War Movement: 1962-1975
10.
  - a) Human Development and Poverty Eradication
  - b) The duality of peace concept

**COURSE: GANDHI'S ECONOMIC THOUGHT (MGPE-006)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-006**  
**Assignment Code: MGPE-006/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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. Analyse the doctrine of Bread Labour: How does it solve the problems of inequality and exploitation in the society?
2. How did Gandhi shape his Satyagraha Movement in South Africa?
3. Discuss the Gandhian concept of Self-Reliance and Self-Sufficiency.
4. Evaluate the present pattern of Industrial Development in India and examine the relevance of Gandhian model in the present context.
5. What is sustainable economy? What is its significance for social justice?

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Self-Reliance: A Moral Imperative
  - b) Gandhi's Concept of Machine
7.
  - a) Advantage of Decentralisation
  - b) Trusteeship
8.
  - a) Social Justice – Its Necessity
  - b) Principles of Gandhian Economics
9.
  - a) Basic elements of Cooperatives
  - b) Rural Industrialisation
10.
  - a) Swadeshi, Sarvodaya and Constructive Programme
  - b) Manual Labour



**COURSE: NON-VIOLENT MOVEMENTS AFTER GANDHI (MGPE-007)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-007  
Assignment Code: MGPE-007/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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. What do you understand by social revolution and what instrumentalities did Jawaharlal Nehru use to realise the goals of this revolution?
2. Critically examine the outcomes of non-violent movements after Gandhi.
3. ‘Non-violent struggles ensure socio-economic and ecological justice’. Justify this statement in your own words.
4. ‘Chipko Movement is an eco-feminist movement’. Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons.
5. Write briefly about the Black Civil Rights Movements in the US in the 1960s.

**SECTION- II**

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

6.
  - a) Water: A Fundamental Right
  - b) Women and Civil Rights Movements
7.
  - a) ‘Total Revolution’
  - b) Bhoodan Movement
8.
  - a) Tehri Bacho Andolan
  - b) Thermo-Nuclear Pollution
9.
  - a) Gandhi’s views on liquor taxation
  - b) Apartheid Laws before 1948
10.
  - a) Farmers Movements after independence
  - b) Anti-nuclear Campaigns

**COURSE: GANDHIAN APPROACH TO PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION (MGPE-008)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-008**

**Assignment Code: MGPE-008/ASST/TMA/2023-24**

**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. "Non-violence and forgiveness are essential for the community peace". Do you agree with the Gandhian view?
2. Enumerate the fundamental concepts in Gandhian thought and practice.
3. Discuss the idea of Shanti Sena and its role in conflict resolution.
4. Describe the role of tolerance in the making of a harmonious society.
5. Explain the concept of positive peace.

**SECTION- II**

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

6.
  - a) People's participation in peace process
  - b) India's role in Sri Lanka ethnic conflict
7.
  - a) Relevance of dialogue and negotiation in the contemporary world
  - b) Role of military in the politics of Myanmar
8.
  - a) The concept of Mediation
  - b) Gandhi's views on fasting and its relevance today
9.
  - a) Arms Race and Materialism
  - b) Gandhi's vision of Community Peace
10.
  - a) Untouchability : An obstacle in harmonious society
  - b) Gandhi's twin-principles of peace: Truth and Non-violence

**COURSE: GANDHI IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY (MGPE-009)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-009**  
**Assignment Code: MGPE-009/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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 meaning and essence of political globalization. Examine its ill effects.
2. What are the characteristics of cultural diversity? Has India been able to trend on this path successfully?.
3. Describe Gandhi's contribution towards empowerment of women.
4. What role does the Gandhian method play in resolving the problems related to terrorism and naxalism? Explain.
5. Analyse the Gandhian methods of social inclusion.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Unity in diversity : India's approach
  - b) Gandhi's views on modern machine
7.
  - a) Gandhi's views on gender-based discrimination
  - b) Cultural and religious roots of Human Rights
8.
  - a) Media in the contemporary world
  - b) Basic principles of Gram Swaraj
9.
  - a) Impact of Gandhi's secularism on India
  - b) Social, economic and cultural dimensions
10.
  - a) Global Order and Gandhi
  - b) Village reconstruction

**COURSE: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, TRANSFORMATION AND PEACE BUILDING (MGPE-010)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-010  
Assignment Code: MGPE-010/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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. What is the role of the State in post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation?
2. What is the Gandhian alternative to modern civilisation? Discuss its major ingredients.
3. What were the reasons behind the initiation of the “Champan Satyagraha” campaign? How did Gandhi go about resolving the main issues therein?
4. Examine the role of United Nations in strengthening the conflict-ridden societies.
5. Critically examine the various methods of conflict analysis.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Role of World Bank and International Monetary Fund
  - b) United Nations and Conflict Management
7.
  - a) Conflict Transformation
  - b) India's place in modern world
8.
  - a) Gandhi's educational experiments in South Africa
  - b) Social and environmental dimensions of conflict management
9.
  - a) Peace versus Justice Approach
  - b) Sarvodaya and Antyodaya
10.
  - a) India's role in Afghan reconstruction
  - b) Importance of Afghanistan for India and the region

**COURSE: HUMAN SECURITY (MGPE-011)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-011  
Assignment Code: MGPE-011/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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 human rights practice at the global level.
2. What is the difference between traditional and Gandhian vision of human security?
3. What are the positive and negative implications of external interventions with regard to the environmental, food and economic security?
4. Explain the marginalisation of women in India. How are they being empowered?
5. How does terrorism undermine the governmental credibility, legitimacy and how does it destabilise the social fabric of society?

**SECTION- II**

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

6.
  - a) Poverty as structural violence
  - b) Food security and its significance
7.
  - a) Abolition of bonded labour
  - b) International Cooperation: Issues and challenges
8.
  - a) Human security at global level
  - b) The 1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
9.
  - a) National Food Security Act
  - b) Development and global warming
10.
  - a) Human trafficking, gender and environmental issues
  - b) Problems of urban unorganised labour

**COURSE: WOMEN AND PEACE (MGPE-012)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-012**  
**Assignment Code: MGP-012/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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 meaning of gender-based violence and find out the root causes of these forms of violence.
2. What do you understand by eco-feminism? Examine the various aspects associated with it.
3. Analyse the efforts of United Nations for the empowerment of women.
4. Define the sexual harassment at workplace, what are the measures to prevent this offence?
5. Do you think the ethnic violence affects women? Illustrate with examples

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Women as peace makers
  - b) Gender-based violence
7.
  - a) Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism
  - b) Campaign against child labour
8.
  - a) Mahatma Gandhi and Economic Development
  - b) Power and control wheel
9.
  - a) Nuclear Disarmament
  - b) Dependency Theory of Development
10.
  - a) Gender Inequality
  - b) Anti-Dowry Agitation

**COURSE: CIVIL SOCIETY, POLITICAL REGIMES AND CONFLICT (MGPE-013)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-013  
Assignment Code: MGPE-013/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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 analyse Gramsci's concept of civil society.
2. Swaraj for Gandhi is self-reliance and self-government. Explain.
3. Discuss the various approaches to the study of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
4. Discuss the role of NGOs for mobilizing voluntary action.
5. How the Grameen Bank is working towards eradicating poverty and hunger? Explain briefly.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) The origins and notion of civil society
  - b) War on terrorism and political regimes
7.
  - a) Civil society's relevance in Asia
  - b) Gandhian civil society: An answer for global peace
8.
  - a) Trace the origin and evolution of peace movements
  - b) Anti-Nuclear Protest Movements
9.
  - a) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
  - b) The UN Charter and the United Nations
10.
  - a) The relationship between state and civil society
  - b) The concepts of resistance and protest

**COURSE: GANDHI: ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (MGPE-014)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-014  
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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. Why Mahatma Gandhi is called a great Human Ecologist?
2. Discuss at length Gandhi's views of Gram Swaraj?
3. "Development and Ethics are inseparable". Comments.
4. Critically examine the institutional dimensions of development.
5. Examine the relevance of Gandhian life style and livelihoods in the present context.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Constructive Programme - Khadi and village industries
  - b) Sarvodaya: Meaning and Genesis
7.
  - a) Gandhi's concepts of ideal village
  - b) Environmental education in India
8.
  - a) Gandhian concept of humankind
  - b) Self-Sufficiency of villages
9.
  - a) Equality and Trusteeship
  - b) Self-Realisation through service
10.
  - a) Ecological impact of industrial development
  - b) Ancient India's views on environment and conservation



**COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS (MGPE-015)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-015  
Assignment Code: MGPE-015/ASST/TMA/2023-24  
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 Gandhian approach to understand social problems.
2. What is the difference between Fundamental and Applied Research?
3. What are the different levels at which peace can be analysed? Elaborate on them.
4. Explore the theoretical underpinnings with regard to narratives.
5. Briefly analyse research presentation methods before and after the advent of computer.

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Role of theory in research framework
  - b) Gandhian approach of social problems
7.
  - a) Poverty and unemployment
  - b) Characteristics of ethnography
8.
  - a) Gandhi as a social scientist
  - b) Meaning and purpose of analysis
9.
  - a) Motivating factors of social science research
  - b) Field Investigation Research
10.
  - a) Basic elements of a conflict map
  - b) Practicalities of data collection and data analysis

**COURSE: HUMAN RIGHTS: INDIAN PERSPECTIVE (MGPE-016)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

**Course Code: MGPE-016**  
**Assignment Code: MGPE-016/ASST/TMA/2023-24**  
**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. What are the theoretical/philosophical bases of the concept of Human Rights?
2. Do you agree that Gandhi was the first crusader of Human Rights in India?
3. Discuss the provisions and significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
4. Rights and Duties are two sides of the same coin. Comment.
5. How has Right to Equality been provided in the Constitution of India?

**SECTION-II**

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

6.
  - a) Role of civil society in the promotion of Human Rights
  - b) Violation of Women's Rights and violence against them
7.
  - a) Liberal Feminism
  - b) Rights for protection of culture and language
8.
  - a) Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and Human Rights
  - b) MNCs and violations of Human Rights
9.
  - a) Progress in Children's Rights in India
  - b) Functions and duties of the Scheduled Tribes Commission
10.
  - a) Concept of Swaraj and theory of Satyagraha
  - b) Rights of Minorities