

MSO

Master's Degree Programme in Sociology

**Second Year
M.A. Sociology**

**Assignment for students admitted in July 2023 and
January 2024 sessions**

Assignment for the Elective Courses:

MSOE-001: Sociology of Education
MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion
MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
MPS-003: India: Democracy and Development
MPA-016: Decentralization and Local Governance



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ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Student

We have explained in the Programme Guide for the Master's Degree Programme in Sociology (MA Sociology) that you would have to complete one **Tutor** Marked Assignment (TMA) for each of the courses.

In these assignments, we have included several types of questions to sharpen your ability, to describe, to analyse and to critique, and to ensure that you know and are able to write over a topic systematically and coherently. In these assignments there are some broad descriptive and analytical questions. There are 10 questions in each assignment, with two sections. In each section there are five questions.

Your answers for a broad question worth 20 marks should be within the approximate range of 500 words each. In case of short question worth 10 marks it should be within 250 words each. It could be advisable to have a group discussion on the questions with your co-learners and the Academic Counsellors in the Study Centres before you attempt these assignments. Remember you are encouraged only to share each other's ideas and not to copy answers at all. Group discussion and constant practice of writing answers to assignment questions will help you to write better answers to questions in the term-end examination. It is important that you write answers to all questions **in your own words**.

Admission Cycle	Date of Submission	To be sent
For students admitted in July 2023 Batch	31 st March, 2024	To, The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
For students admitted in January 2024 Batch	30 th September, 2024	

You must **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 has to send the marks to the SR&E Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Some Tips for Doing Assignments

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind while doing the assignments:

- 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) **Organization:** Be selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and conclusion.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-001: Sociology of Education
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-001
Assignment Code: MSOE-001/AST/TMA/2023-2024

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Discuss the functionalist approach to the study of education. 20
2. Examine the interplay of gender, socialization and education. 20
3. Explain the role of education in cultural and economic reproduction. 20
4. Discuss the politics of domination through educational curriculum. 20
5. How does education help in nation building? Discuss. 20

Section-II

6. Discuss the relevance of multicultural education in contemporary society. 20
7. "Education is a tool for women's empowerment". Discuss. 20
8. Examine the constitutional provisions for promotion of education in India. 20
9. What do you understand by knowledge society? Describe its relation to education. 20
10. Discuss the major challenges encountered by Open Distance Learning (ODL) in India. 20

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MSOE-002: Diaspora and Transnational Communities
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-002
Assignment Code: MSOE-002/AST/TMA/2022-2023

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-1

1. Briefly examine the nature of Chinese Diaspora. 20
2. Describe the migration patterns of Indian Diaspora to Western Europe. 20
3. What are the five patterns of Indian emigration? 20
4. Describe the historical context of Indian emigration during colonial times. 20

Section-II

5. Discuss the role of Bollywood in the representation of the Indian diaspora. 20
6. Write a note on the phenomena of 'brain drain'. 20
7. What do you understand by the term virtual communities. 20
8. Why are Indians considered a model minority in the USA. 20

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Elective Course in M.A. Sociology
MSOE-003: Sociology of Religion
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-003
Assignment Code: MSOE-003/AST/TMA/2022-2023

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Discuss the functional interpretation of religion. 20
2. Discuss the role of religious specialists in society with reference to the perspective of Max Weber. 20
3. Critically examine the relationship between religion and economy. 20
4. Explain the concept of sacrifice with reference to Nuer society. 20
5. Discuss the relationship between ascetic Protestantism and capitalism. 20

Section-II

6. Explain religion as a system of symbols. 20
7. Explain the European concept of secularism. 20
8. Compare and contrast the concepts of fundamentalism and communalism. 20
9. Discuss the emergence and spread of Christianity in India. 20
10. Examine the social context of the emergence of Buddhism. 20

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MSOE-004: Urban Sociology
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Programme Code: MSO
Course Code: MSOE-004
Assignment Code: MSOE-004/AST/TMA/2023-24

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Answer any five questions selecting at least *two* from each Section. Your answer should be in about 500 words each.

Section-I

1. Discuss the contributions of Chicago school theorists to urban sociology. 20
2. Define the concept of city and discuss the major features of an industrial city. 20
3. What are pre-industrial cities? Describe and discuss its features with an example. 20
4. Discuss the meaning of New Urban Sociology? What does it constitute? 20
5. What is the nature of family in urban areas? Give examples. 20
6. Analyse the different aspects of social change taking place in India? Are the villages getting urbanized in India? Discuss 20

Section-II

7. Describe the occupational structure in urban India. How has it changed after economic liberalization, privatization and globalization? 20
8. How does industrialisation affect the different social institutions in society? Discuss. 20
9. What is urban ecology and how does urban environment impact the lives of people living in cities? Discuss 20
10. Discuss critically the role and responsibility of media in urban governance. 20

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

**Course Code: MPS-003
Assignment Code: 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. Elaborate upon the Communist Party of India's perspective on Independence.
2. Assess the potential for transformative change inherent in the Directive Principles of State Policy within the Indian Constitution.
3. "The judiciary is the most significant institution for protecting the rights and interests of citizens." Comment.
4. Examine the circumstances and factors contributing to India's centralisation of federal powers.
5. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Jurisdiction of High Courts
 - b) Parliamentary Sovereignty

SECTION-II

6. What is a market economy, and analyse its benefits and drawbacks.
7. Analyse the economic consequences of liberalisation in India.
8. Elaborate on the regionalisation of Indian politics.
9. Discuss the key indicators to measure and assess sustainable development.
10. **Write a short note on each part of the following questions in about 250 words:**
 - a) Gender Equity
 - b) Planned Economy

MPA-016: DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Course Code: MPA-016
Assignment Code: MPA-016/Asst/TMA/2023-24

Marks: 100

This Assignment consists of Section- I and Section- II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer a total of five questions in about 500 words each. It is necessary to attempt at least two questions from each section. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

- 1) Discuss the constitutional dimensions of decentralisation in India. 20
- 2) 'Empowerment is a major component of democratic decentralisation in India'.
Comment. 20
- 3) Explain the factors that influence people's preferences for distribution in the context of society wide distribution of resources. 20
- 4) Describe the impact of decentralised development . 20
- 5) Examine the weaknesses of new Panchayati Raj system. 20

SECTION-II

- 6) Explain the major features of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act. 20
- 7) Discuss the intra-tier responsibilities in the context of the Eleventh Schedule. 20
- 8) What are the major requirements in development planning? 20
- 9) Highlight the issues in micro level planning. 20
- 10) Write a note on resources of the local bodies. 20