

MPA-016

M.A. (Public Administration)

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ASSIGNMENT

July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions

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**DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL
GOVERNANCE**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As we have informed you in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a Course carry 30% weight age while 70% weight age is given for term-end examination.

As a requirement of the Programme, you will have to do one Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for each course.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you answer the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You are to submit the assignments to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it with you. It is desirable to keep with you a photocopy of the assignments submitted by you.

Submission of the completed Assignment

Admission batch	Last date of submission	Place of submission
July 2026 Session	31 st March 2027	Coordinator of the Study Center
January 2027 Session	30 th September 2027	

GUIDELINES FOR DOING ASSIGNMENTS

We expect you to answer each question as per instructions in the assignment. 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 analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent
 - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs
 - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. **It is mandatory to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting.** If you so desire, you may underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

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Assignment (TMA)

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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

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| 1) Describe the meaning, concept and significance of Democratic Decentralisation. | 20 |
| 2) Discuss the Salient features of 73 rd and 74 th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992. | 20 |
| 3) Explain the Impact of Decentralisation Development. | 20 |
| 4) Describe the Nature and Scope of Development Planning. | 20 |
| 5) Discuss the Challenges to sustainable Development and Environment. | 20 |

SECTION-II

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| 6) Elaborate the Financial Resources of Panchayati Raj Institutions. | 20 |
| 7) Describe the Political Decentralisation. | 20 |
| 8) Discuss the Powers and Functions of Gram Sabha. | 20 |
| 9) Examine the various constraints in Micro Level Planning. | 20 |
| 10) Write a note on different fields of Partnership. | 20 |