

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP)**

**January 2019  
and  
July 2019 Sessions**



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**Dear Students,**

As you are aware that the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75 per cent and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks which ultimately will be converted to have weightage of 25 % of total marks.

**Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. First of all read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub sections of a unit while preparing your responses and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that, you may read additional materials available in your study centre or in any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.: .....  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Course Code: .....  
Course title: .....  
Study Centre: .....  
(Name and Code)  
Date: .....

3. Use foolscap size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave 4 cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet
5. Clearly indicate question no. and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.

Assignment No.	Last date of submission	
	January, 2018 session	July, 2018 session
Assignment 1 (MNR-001)	25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
Assignment 2 (MNR-002)	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
Assignment 3 (MNRE-015)	11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
Assignment 4 (MNRE-016)	25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019

6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre.
7. **We strongly suggest that you should retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

## **Assignment -1**

**Course Code: MNR-001**

**Course title: Indian Agricultural Development**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Discuss the traditions and beliefs that guide farm practices and influence farmers attitudes and behavior.
2. Explain the role of agriculture sector in development of Indian economy.
3. What are various sources of water for agriculture sector? Discuss the irrigation potential and utilization in India.
4. Discuss the composition and importance of livestock resources in Indian economy.
5. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) Social control and nationalization of banks
  - (b) Structural growth of agricultural resources
6. Explain in brief the process of procurement, storage and marketing of foodgrains in the country.
7. Discuss the important extension programmes implemented in India for development of agriculture sector.
8. Describe the relationship between agriculture and industry sectors.

## **Assignment -2**

**Course Code: MNR-002**

**Course title: Agriculture Policy: Formulation, Components, Implementation and Comparative Analysis**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Discuss the major instruments of agricultural policy which are used to achieve desired policy objectives.
2. Explain the main ingredient of the process of policy formulation.
3. What is meant by impact assessment? Explain the approaches to impact assessment.
4. (a) Discuss the importance of participation in agricultural policy process.  
(b) Explain the governance principles that guide the government in use or exercise power, particularly coercive power.
5. Discuss the salient features and components of national agricultural policy.
6. What are the institutions and organizations that work for the growth of agriculture sector?
7. Discuss the important programmes / schemes implemented for poverty alleviation in the country.
8. Explain the trade reforms undertaken in various developing economies.

### Assignment -3

**Course Code: MNRE-015**

**Course title: Cooperatives and Farmers Organizations**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Discuss the evolution of cooperatives in developing countries with special reference to agriculture and allied sectors.
2. Explain the following:
  - a. Structure of credit cooperatives
  - b. Major business cooperatives in agriculture sector
3. What are seven cooperative principles? Discuss role of these principles in function of cooperatives.
4. Discuss in brief cooperatives laws, rules and regulations.
5. Explain the purpose and procedure of monitoring and evaluation of cooperatives.
6. What is meant by people's participation? Explain the philosophy and key paradigm of participatory development approach.
7. How non-government organizations (NGOs) are formed? Discuss the advantages of NGOs.
8. Discuss the role of following organizations in development of cooperatives:
  - a. National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)
  - b. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)

## Assignment -4

**Course Code: MNRE-016**  
**Course title: Project Analysis**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. What is meant by project? Discuss the relationship between project and plan.
2. Describe the phases of project cycle through which a project passes.
3. Explain the following
  - a. Technical aspects in project preparation
  - b. Projects on technological innovations
4. Explain the concept of marginal value products and opportunity cost using examples.
5. What are the aspects need emphases in predicting future prices?
6. Write short notes on the following:
  - a. Financial prices and economic values
  - b. Valuation of intangible costs and benefits
  - c. Investment and operating expenditure
  - d. Balance sheet
7. What various aggregate are to measures the national economy? Discuss.
8. How to judge which of a number of projects designed to serve a given purpose?