



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING  
**GAUHATI UNIVERSITY**

**Home Assignment**  
**M.A. In Political Science,**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**  
**Session: 2012-2013**

**Guidelines:**

The students are given following three options for internal assessment.

1. The students may submit home assignment on the following questions.  
Or
2. The students may come prepared and make presentation on the following questions (topics).  
Or
3. The students may appear in a test to be conducted in the IDOL building premises.

**N.B:** *the dates for the presentation and test will be notified later.*

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF HOME ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Write your **NAME, ROLL NUMBER, SESSION, PAPER NUMBER, TOPIC SELECTED** and **EXAMINATION**, clearly on the top of the Front page of each paper.
2. Submit your Assignments **PAPER-WISE** Separately.
3. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
4. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
5. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
6. **Stick File** not necessary.
7. **Copying** from others including **Xerox** from others strictly prohibited.
8. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on **A-4** sized paper on **One Side** of each page **Only**.
9. Submit Your Assignments strictly on or before the due date as notified. Assignments received after the due date may not be considered for evaluation.
10. The last date of submission is **October 25, 2013**.

**N.B.** *Students are requested to follow the instructions strictly.*

**Paper: IX: Comparative Politics**

1. Write a note on the role of modern approaches to the study of comparative politics.  
(Structure: Introduction, Modern Approaches, Role of Modern approaches, Conclusion)
2. What do you mean by political socialization? Discuss the various agents of political socialization.  
(structure: Introduction, meaning of political socialization, agents of socialization, conclusion)

**Paper X: Rural Development**

1. Elaborate the concept of Democratic Decentralisation and discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural development.  
(Structure : Introduction- Meaning of Democratic Decentralisation – Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural development – conclusion.)
2. Discuss about the Community Development Programme and highlight on the other programmes undertaken for initiating the process of Rural development.  
(Structure : Introduction - Community Development Programme - Other programmes for Rural development - conclusion.)

**Paper XI: Political Sociology**

1. What is Political Sociology? Discuss its relationship with Political Science and Sociology.  
Structure: Introduction, Meaning and definition of political sociology, relationship of political sociology with Political Science, relationship of political sociology with sociology, conclusion)
2. Define Power. Discuss briefly different theories of power.  
(Structure: Introduction, Meaning and definition of power, different theories of power, conclusion)

**Paper XII: Government and Politics in North East India**

1. Analyse the factors responsible for the formation of states in North East India.  
(Introduction, Factors, Conclusion)
2. Write a note on Assam movement.  
(Introduction, Assam Movement, Conclusion)