MPA-031

Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (PGDDRRM)

ASSIGNMENT

For July 2026 & January 2027 Sessions

Course Code: MPA 031

Physical Geography

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 percent weightage, while 70 percent weightage is given for term-end examination.

You will have to do a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) for a four-credit course. This course on **Physical Geography (MPA 031)** is a four-credit course. This Assignment has one TMA, whose total marks add upto100, which carry a weightage of 30 per cent.

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

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

Submission of the completed assignments:

Session	Last date of submission	Place of Submission
For July 2026 Session For January 2027 Session	31st March 2027 30th September 2027	Coordinator of the student's Study Center

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the submitted assignments 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 Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines mentioned 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 analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

   Make sure that your answer:

   a) Is logical and coherent;

   b) Has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs; and

   c) Is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.

3) **Presentation**: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wish you all the best!

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MPA-031: PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
(TMA)

Course Code: MPA-031
Assignment Code: Asst/TMA/2026-27
Marks: 100

This assignment consists of Sections I and II. There are five questions in each Section. You have to answer all questions in about 400 words each. Each question carries 10 marks.

Section -I

1. What is the significance of climatic classification? Briefly discuss the different approaches to climatic classification. 10
2. Critically discuss the Continental Drift Theory of Wagener. 10
3. Discuss the concept of cycle of erosion of Davis and Penck. 10
4. Describe the erosional and depositional features of Aeolian landscapes. 10
5. Differentiate between the following in about 200 words each: 10
   a) Body waves and Surface waves.
   b) Epierogenic and Orogenic movement.

Section – II

6. Describe the bottom reliefs of Atlantic Ocean. 10
7. Explain the genesis and the progression of temperate cyclones. 10
8. What are tides? Explain the fortnightly and monthly variation in the formation of tides. 10
9. Briefly describe any four types of oceanic hazards. 10
10. Write short notes on the following in about 200 words each: 10
    a) Shifting of pressure belts.
    d) Hydrological Cycle.