



# INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING

Gauhati University

## HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. in Political Science

(3<sup>rd</sup> Semester)

Session: 2011-2012

### Guidelines for Submission:

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
  2. 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.
  3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
  4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
  5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
  6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
  7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
  8. Please submit your assignment by **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012**.
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### **Paper IX: Comparative Politics**

1. Write a note on the role and importance of traditional approaches to the study of Comparative politics.  
(structure: *Introduction, Meaning of Traditional Approaches, Role and importance of Traditional approaches, criticism, conclusion*)
2. What do you mean by Constitutionalism? Discuss the western concept of Constitutionalism.  
(Structure: *Introduction, meaning of Constitutionalism, western concept of Constitutionalism, conclusion*)

### **Paper X: Rural Development in India**

1. Examine various Rural Development Programmes initiated by Govt. of India since independence.  
(structure: *Introduction, various Rural Development Programmes, conclusion*)
2. Critically examine the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the rural administration.  
(Structure: *Introduction, role of Panchayati Raj Institutions, criticism, conclusion*)

### **Paper XI: Political Sociology**

1. Discuss the contribution of Max Weber to the development of Political Sociology.  
(structure: *Introduction, contribution of Max Weber, conclusion*)
2. Define power. Discuss the relationship between power and authority.  
(Structure: *Introduction, meaning of power, relation between power and authority, conclusion*)

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

1. Analyse the factors responsible for the formation of new states in N.E. India.  
(structure: *Introduction, factors responsible for the formation of new states, conclusion*)
2. Critically examine the role of Regional Political Parties in N.E. India with special reference to Assam.  
(Structure: *Introduction, role of regional parties, criticism, conclusion*)