

Commonwealth of Learning Executive MBA/MPA

SC 2

Development Planning & Administration

ASSIGNMENTS

ASSIGNMENT 1

Course Code: SC 2

Course Title: Development Planning & Administration

Coverage: Units 1 to 8

There are four questions in this assignment. You are requested to attempt any two and send the assignment to the Coordinator of the Study Centre you are attached with.

Q.1 Developing countries, by and large, have traditional administrative structures but are assigned developmental tasks. In the light of this observation, answer the following on the basis of your experience:

- a. How much focus has been laid on streamlining the administrative organisations in your country for ensuring development?
- b. What are the required conditionalities for administration of development?
- c. Suggest ways to improve the functioning of public organisations for achieving holistic development.

Q.2 Development planning is much stressed upon around the globe. Elucidate the following with examples from your area:

- a. Types and elements of development planning;
- b. Process and limitations of development planning;
- c. Development planning strategies.

Q.3 The Governments in South Asian nations attempted to fight poverty with systematic efforts. In keeping with it, discuss the following:

- a. Poverty situation in your country;
- b. Anti-poverty efforts in your area and the results of the same;
- c. Problems and constraints in fighting poverty.

Q.4 Define the concept of sustainable development. Discuss the recent trends of sustainable development in your country besides illustrating the challenges to sustainable development.

ASSIGNMENT 2

Course Code: SC 2

Course Title: Development Planning & Administration

Coverage: Units 9 to 16

There are four questions in this assignment. You are requested to attempt any two and send the assignment to the Coordinator of the Study Centre you are attached with.

Q.1 Discuss the conceptual bases for the analysis of inter-state and inter-district imbalances at different levels of regional development of your country. Describe, with examples, various indicators to analyse the regional, district, and sub-district imbalances.

Q.2 Development of education, health, agriculture and industries paves the way for achieving overall development. Explain planning and developmental issues in above said facets in your country and suggest ways for better performance on these accounts.

Q.3. The participatory approaches demand that the organisations should be open to innovations. Answer the following on the basis of your observations and experience:

- a. How has participation led to sustainable development initiatives?
- b. Who are participating, where, when and how?
- c. Use of participatory approaches in your country.

Q.4. Decentralised governance leads to an effective micro-development planning. Discuss the status of the following in your country:

- a. Powers vested in and used by the local elected bodies;
- b. Strategies for capacity building of local level institutions and their officials.

ASSIGNMENT 3

Course Code: SC 2

Course Title: Development Planning & Administration

Coverage: Units 17 to 25

There are four questions in this assignment. You are requested to attempt any two and send the assignment to the Coordinator of the Study Centre you are attached with.

Q.1. Plan implementation occupies a place of substantive importance in the planning process. Discuss issues specifically relating to plan implementation in your country and suggest ways to improve the implementation process. Do you feel it could be done through enhancing bureaucratic capabilities, if yes, how?

Q.2 Explain the concepts of data and variables. Discuss some quantitative methods used in development planning in your area. Highlight, with examples from your area, how data matrices are used as tools in development planning.

Q.3. Examine the trends in growth of various sectoral programmes in your country. Identify important aspects of sectoral planning and explain the need for spatial considerations in formulation of development plans.

Q.4. Explain how spatial and location-related aspects of development occupy a crucial place in the framework of development planning in your country. Discuss the Central Place Theory formulated by Walter Christaller and bring to light its relevance in development planning in your country.