

## ADCPS MPP Entrance Examination (2022)

There are two parts to the Entrance Examination for all Applicants to the MPP Programme (2022) at the Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies (ADCPS), IIT Bombay:

1. Essay Examination [May 25/26, 2022]
2. Online Interview of selected candidates after assessing essay [June 15/16, 2022]

The Essay is a crucial input for evaluating eligibility for admissions to the 2022 MPP Public Policy offered by the Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay.

Response to be sent to: [office.cps@iitb.ac.in](mailto:office.cps@iitb.ac.in)

Subject Heading: Essay for MPP Admission 2022

Deadline: May 26 (7:00 pm) for submission (NO LATE entries beyond 7:00 pm will be accepted). Please do not wait until the very last minute to submit. We are not responsible for either computing or power related problems at your end.

**IMP:** Please clearly write your **Name**, your **MPP Application Number (F \_\_\_\_\_)**, the actual **Word Count** and the **Question Number** that you attempted (**Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5**) at the very top of the Essay.

### General Instructions for Essay Style (please pay very close attention):

#### **Structure (need to adhere):**

- **Overall word count** (excluding Reference) not to exceed 1000.
- Give an informative but specific **Title**.
- **Abstract** (as separate from Introduction) must clearly state your position and summarize your arguments (100). The main body of the essay must be composed of: **Introduction - Main Body - Conclusion – Reference**
- Please use **Headings and Subheadings**.
- In the Main Body, you **MUST ALSO** accurately summarize the strengths of the **opposing point(s)** of view (avoid creating straw men). Then argue why your position stands **in spite of** this counterargument.
- Use only evidence from **credible sources** in support of your position.
- Use the **final paragraph** to summarize your paper.

#### **Style guide (need to adhere):**

- **Font:** Times New Roman (12pt). **Paragraph:** Double Spaced.
- TYPE in simple English, using first-person pronouns. Send as a **WORD file (NO PDF files)**.
- Use short sentences and **focused paragraphs**.
- You are writing for a **general audience** that is informed and intelligent.
- Strictly, strictly, strictly, do **not plagiarize**. A plagiarism check **WILL BE** conducted at our end. **Plagiarism is a clear and sufficient ground for disqualification.** (<https://www.bowdoin.edu/dean-of-students/judicial-board/academic-honesty-and-plagiarism/common-types-of-plagiarism.html>).
- Please run a thorough **Spelling and Grammar** check.
- Edit the paper thoroughly for **Readability**.

## ADCPS MPP ENTRANCE ESSAY TEST (2022)

Please select and answer **ONLY ONE** of the 5 questions below. Write an essay of **no more than 1000 words (excluding Reference)**. Clearly indicate the **Question number** at the very top of your submission.

### 1. Digital Societies

Social media has fundamentally transformed our lives (Meta, Instagram, You tube, Swiggy, Ed-tech). Write an essay that critically examines the influence of such digital platforms on Indian society (**choose one** from the mentioned list).

### 2. Structural Inequalities

Widening inequalities create barriers of access for underprivileged groups wishing for a better life. Write an essay that critically analyses how education, caste, gender, or old age influence the experiences of inequality (**choose one** from the mentioned list).

### 3. Technology and Society

The use of technology is increasing in everyday democratic governance (Aadhaar, 'e-filing', digitization of land records, online grievance redressal). Write an essay that critically analyses the consequences when technological skills or technological access become essential for accessing civic rights (**choose one** from the mentioned list).

### 4. Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources

Our cities and rural areas are facing multiple crises of water shortages, inadequate sanitation infrastructures, and power shortages. Write an essay that critically analyses one of these problems using examples (**choose one** from the mentioned list).

### 5. Markets and Governance Processes

The corporate sector has become crucial in the provision of welfare, often through their philanthropic foundations. Write an essay that critically analyses the implications of profit-driven corporations, instead of elected governments, providing basic needs like education, health care, electricity, water, access to internet (**choose one** from the mentioned list).

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