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What this file is. A format template for an MA Economics (MAEC) project report under MECP-201 Project Work-I or MECP-202 Project Work-II: page order, cover and certificate layouts, empty table shells for a household survey, and sentence frames. It contains no results. Every number and finding in your report must come from your own data.

What it follows. Length from the MAEC Programme Guide: about 15,000 to 20,000 words, about 50 to 60 pages, typed double space. Page order, cover page (Annexure B) and supervisor's certificate (Annexure C) from the MECP-101 Project-Work Guide (2015), the most recent annexure text read. Submission points from the MECP-202 guide (2024): two hard copies, one sent with a CD, and a separate pass in the report and the viva. If your MECP-201 or MECP-202 guide shows a different annexure, follow your guide.

The tables and frames fit the companion sample synopsis (women's MGNREGA work and household spending). Replace them with tables for your own objectives.

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Page Order of the Report

#	Page	What goes on it
1	Cover page	Programme code MAEC, course code MECP-201 or MECP-202, enrolment number, Study Centre, Regional Centre, topic, declaration, signature, name, address, year
2	Supervisor's certificate	Signed and dated by the supervisor
3	Contents	Chapters, sections, page numbers
4	List of tables and figures	Numbered by chapter: Table 3.1, Figure 3.1
5	Acknowledgements	One page
6	List of abbreviations	Alphabetical (MGNREGA, PLFS and so on)
7	Chapter 1	Rationale, objectives, hypotheses, research methodology, limitations
8	Body chapters	Policy setting, analysis by objective
9	Last chapter	Objective-wise findings and suggestions
10	References	New page, alphabetical by surname
11	Annexures	Interview schedule, data tables

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Cover Page Layout

Field	Entry
Programme Code	MAEC
Course Code	MECP-201 / MECP-202 [keep only yours]
Enrolment No.	[]
Study Centre Code	[]
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TOPIC OF THE PROJECT WORK

[Exactly the title approved in your proposal, word for word]

Project Work submitted to the Indira Gandhi National Open University in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of the Degree, Master of Arts (Economics). I hereby declare that this work has been done by me and has not been submitted elsewhere.

Signature of the Candidate: []

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Layout of Annexure B, MECP-101 guide (2015), with MAEC codes.

Supervisor's Certificate Layout

CERTIFICATE

Certified that the Project Work entitled [topic] submitted by [name of the candidate] is his/her own work and has been done/redone in the light of evaluator's comments under my supervision. It is recommended that this Project be placed before the examiner for evaluation.

(Signature of the Supervisor)

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Date: []

Layout of Annexure C, MECP-101 guide (2015). The supervisor signs personally.

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Chapter 3: [Profile of the Sample and Objective 1]

Table 3.1: Profile of sample households

Characteristic	Category	Number	Per cent
[]			
[]			
[]			
[]			
[]			

Table 3.2: Person-days worked, [financial year]

Panchayat	Women's days	Men's days	Total	Women's share (%)
[]				
[]				
[]				
[]				
Women worked [] of the [] person-days recorded in the sample, a share of [] per cent, ranging from [] per cent in [panchayat] to [] per cent in [panchayat].				

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Chapter 4: [Objective 2 and the Hypotheses]

Table 4.1: Monthly consumption spending per person by participation

Group	n	Mean (Rs)	SD	t	df	p-value
[]						
[]						
Mean spending per person is Rs [] in households with women's MGNREGA work and Rs [] in households without it. The t-value of [] is [significant / not significant] at the 5 per cent level; hence H01 is [rejected / retained].						

Table 4.2: Regression of ln(spending per person)

Variable	Coefficient	SE	t	p-value
[]				
[]				
[]				
[]				
[]				

Table 4.3: Participation by landholding category

Landholding	Participating	Not participating	Total
[]			
[]			
[]			
[]			
The chi-square value of [] with [] degrees of freedom is [significant / not significant] at the 5 per cent level; hence H02 is [rejected / retained].			

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Chapter 5: [Objective 3, Findings and Suggestions]

Table 5.1: Constraints reported by women workers

Constraint	Number reporting	Per cent	Rank
[]			
[]			
[]			
[]			
[]			
Finding on Objective 1: [] Finding on Objective 2: [] Finding on Objective 3: [] Suggestions: [only those that follow from your findings]			

Before You Submit

Check	Basis
Proposal approved before you began; report title identical to the approved title	MECP-201/202 guides; Programme Guide
About 15,000 to 20,000 words, double spaced	MAEC Programme Guide
Two hard copies made; one sent with a CD, one kept	MECP-202 guide (2024)
Report sent to the Registrar, Student Evaluation Division, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi 110068, not to the Course Coordinator; check any online upload notified for your cycle	Programme Guide; current SED notice
Project evaluation fee with the TEE form: Rs 500 for MECP-201 (6 credits), Rs 300 for MECP-202 (4 credits)	Common Prospectus July 2026, p. 27
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