

EHI-02

**Bachelor's Degree Programme
(BDP)**

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2015 and January 2016 Sessions

**Course Code : EHI-02
India: Earliest Times to the 8th century AD**



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Assignment 2015-2016

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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide for BDP, you will have to do 1 Tutor Marked (TMA) assignment for this course.

Before attempting the assignments please read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide.

Assignment Nos.	Date of Submission	Where to send
Assignment -1 (TMA) for July 2015 Session Students	31st March 2016	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
Assignment -1 (TMA) for January 2016 Session Students	30th September 2016	The Coordinator of your Study Centre

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE ASSIGNMENT

In writing the assignment keep the following things in mind: Social Science/History writing of any kind involves (a) Planning (b) Selection (c) Presentation and (d) Interpretation.

a) Planning : Think out what you are asked carefully. Go through the units and in case you want any additional material, try to locate it in the Library.

See whether the question is of (i) 500 words, (ii) 250 words or (iii) 100 words. For the first and second it may be necessary to write a description with a comment. For the third YOU have to pick out the necessary facts and arrange them precisely.

b) Selection : This means picking out from your material the matter important for answering your question:

For this:

- i) Take notes of the relevant material.
- ii) Look them over carefully. Delete information not directly relevant to the question.
- iii) Prepare a first draft. This will help you in getting a clear idea of what information you want to put down and what you

want to leave out. This will also help in giving your plan a practical shape.

C) Presentation : Prepare now a second draft. This is important for putting down your ideas in a sharp and clear manner. With this you will get an idea as to how you will be able to state what you want to say within the word limits.

Prepare a third or a final draft to check out whether you have put down all you wanted to say. Read to check whether your answer is within the word limits.

D) Interpretation: Interpretation is a constant process in history writing. It is already reflected in your planning and selection. Explanatory comments with phrases like may be, because, could be, etc., immediately introduce an element of interpretation in writing itself. Here you have to be careful that these comments can be supported by the material you have in the answer.

Note : In case you run short of time you should

- i) prepare a rough draft, check that you haven't left anything out, and
- ii) go on to write the final draft.

Now we believe you are ready to answer the questions.

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Tutor Markes Assignment
(TMA)

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Total Marks: 100

NOTE: All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section 1: Answer each question in about 500 words.

1. Give an account of the physical characteristics of the basic physiographical divisions of India.
Or
Describe the material characteristics of the important sites of the Harappan Civilization. 20
2. Examine the main features of the society, economy, polity and religion during the later Vedic period.
Or
Discuss the main characteristics of the society and economy between 6th century B.C. – 4th Century B.C. 20

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. Critically discuss the main principles of Ashoka's policy of Dhamma.
Or
Explain the developments in the sphere of religion in the post-Mauryan period. 12
4. Briefly discuss the nature of agrarian economy and society in South-India and the Deccan between 200 B.C. – 300 A.D.
Or
What were the chief characteristics of architectural activities between 200 B.C. – 300 A.D? 12
5. Examine the nature of State formation in the Deccan in the early period.
Or
Trace the emergence and consolidation of Gupta political power between the 4th Century A.D. to 6th Century A.D. 12
6. Analyse the main features of changes in the economy in the Gupta and post-Gupta period.
Or
Write a note on the expansion of trade and Urban centres between 200 B.C. – 300 A.D. in South-India and the Deccan. 12

Section 3: Answer each question in about 100 words.

7. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in **100** words each. 6+6
 - i) Painted Grey ware
 - ii) Kushanas
 - iii) Harshavardhana
 - iv) Bhakti movement in South-India