

EHI-04

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

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2015 and January 2016 Sessions

**Course Code : EHI-04
India from 16th to Mid 18th Century**



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Assignment 2015-2016

Programme Code: BDP
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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 |
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| 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.

EHI-04: India From 16th To Mid 18th Century
Tutor Marked Assignment
(TMA)

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Assignment Code: EHI-04/AST/TMA/2015-16
Total Marks: 100

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

Section 1: Answer each question in about 500 words.

1. What was the political situation in India on the eve of Babar's invasion? How he succeeded in establishing his rule?
Or
Critically examine the mansabdari system under the Mughals? 20
2. Discuss the land-revenue system of the Mughals during the reign of Akbar.
Or
Write a detailed note on Sufi *silsilas* in India. Why were Chishtis more popular. 20

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. Give a brief account of the establishment and consolidation of second Afghan Empire in India under Shershah.
Or
What do you understand by Turko-Mongol concept of sovereignty? Did it influence the Mughal theory of state? 12
4. Examine the factors that led to the rise of Maratha power in India.
Or
Critically analyse the provincial administration under the Mughals. 12
5. Discuss the nature of land rights in the Deccan and South India.
Or
Write a brief note on the commercial practices which were prevalent during the Mughal rule in India. 12
6. Discuss the majors schools of Bhakti movement in 16th – 17th century India.
Or
Discuss the characteristic features of architecture under Akbar. 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) Region-centric approach to the decline of Mughal Empire
 - ii) Successor states of Mughals in 18th century
 - iii) Persian sources for the study of Mughal period
 - iv) Mughal Mints