

**EHI-02**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS  
For July 2019 and January 2020 Sessions**

**Course Code: EHI-02  
India: Earliest Times to 800 A.D.**



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## **Assignment 2019-2020**

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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 assignment, please read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide.

**Submission:** The completed assignments should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre.

Last date for submission of assignment is

**31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020      for the students appearing in the June 2020 Term End Examination**

**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020   for the students appearing in December 2020 Term End Examination**

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

### **GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE ASSIGNMENT**

In writing the assignment keeps 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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**Total Marks: 100**

**Note: All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.**

**Section 1: Answer each question in about 500 words.**

1. Discuss the town planning, drainage and architectural features of Harappan civilisation. 20

**Or**

Write on the sources for reconstructing the history of the Vedic period.

2. What were the main features of economy and society of the Mauryas? 20

**Or**

Examine the changes in economy and society of the Guptas.

**Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.**

3. What do you understand by the term 'Mesolithic'? What are the main features of Indian Mesolithic art. 12

**Or**

Discuss the Megalithic culture of India.

4. Discuss the main features of urbanization in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. ? 12

**Or**

What were the factors responsible for the rise of Magadha?

5. Write a detailed note on Shungas and Kushanas. 12

**Or**

Discuss local polities, ganasanghas and tribal polities in the period 200 B.C. -200 A.D.

6. Discuss Ashoka's Dhamma. 12

**Or**

Discuss the early state formation in Deccan.

**Section 3: Answer in about 100 words each.**

7. Write short notes on any **two** of the following: 6 + 6

- i) Gautama Buddha
- ii) Rig Veda
- iii) Mauryan art
- iv) Tamil language