

EHI-04

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

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2019 and January 2020 Sessions

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



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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 elective 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

31st March, 2020 for the students appearing in the June 2020 Term End Examination

30th 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 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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Total Marks: 100

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

Section 1: Answer each question in about 500 words.

1. Critically examine Akbar's policy towards autonomous chieftains. 20

Or

Discuss briefly the evolution of *mansab* system under the Mughals.

2. Enumerate various categories of land rights in the medieval Deccan. 20

Or

Trace the evolution of Mughal school of painting under Akbar.

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. What were the problems faced by Humayun during his reign? 12

Or

Give a brief account of the political developments of the kingdoms of Ahmadnagar and her struggle with the neighbouring states.

4. Describe the currency system of the Mughals. 12

Or

What do you understand by the term 'watan sysem'? What were its chief characteristics?

5. Discuss merits and demerits of the *zabti* system. 12

Or

Discuss role of brokers, *sarrafs* and moneylenders in trade and commerce during the 16th-17th centuries.

6. What were the main features of the Maratha and Gaudia Vaishnavism. 12

Or

Discuss briefly attitude of the Mughals towards religion.

Section 3: Answer in about 100 words each.

7. Write short notes on any **two** of the following: 6 + 6
- i) Establishment of Uzbek power in Transoxiana
 - ii) British East India Company
 - iii) Food Crops and Cash Crops
 - iv) Mughal Response towards Printing Press