

EHI-04

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

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2023 and January 2024 Sessions

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



**Faculty of History
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Assignment 2023-2024

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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.

| Assignment Nos. | Date of Submission | Where to send |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Assignment (TMA) For July 2023 Session Students | 31st March 2024 | The Coordinator of your Study Centre |
| Assignment (TMA) For January 2024 Session Students | 30th September 2024 | The Coordinator of your Study Centre |

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE ASSIGNMENT

In writing the assignments 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.

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Answer each question in about 500 words.

1 Write a note on the Mansab system. 20

Or

Critically evaluate the different historical perspectives on the rise of Maratha Power.

2 Critically evaluate Akbar's relations with Rajputs. 20

Or

Write a note on the Bhakti Movement.

Section-2

Answer each question in about 250 words.

3 Give an account of the main characteristics of Sanskrit literature. 12

Or

Write a note on the Deccan and Rajasthani paintings.

4 Critically evaluate the causes for the decline of the Mughal Empire? 12

Or

Discuss the significance of agro-based production in the economy.

5 Write a note on the Mughal relations with Uzbegs. 12

Or

Describe the architectural features introduced during the reign of Shahjahan.

6 Write a note on the Zamindari rights.. 12

Or

Write a note on the inland trade during Mughal period.

Section 3:

Answer in about 100 words each.

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

i) Bill of exchange

ii) Successor states

iii) Mahdavi movement

iv) Turco-Mongol concept of sovereignty