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**M.A History
First Year Courses**

**Assignments
For July 2024 and January 2025
Sessions**

- MHI-01 : Ancient and Medieval Societies**
MHI-02 : Modern World
MHI-04 : Political Structures in India
MHI-05 : History of Indian Economy



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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A. in History you will have to do one assignment in each course. The assignments are compulsory. Each assignment covers the whole course.

It is important that you write the answers to all the assignment questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular question.

The assignment should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy of the submitted assignments with you.

The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre in turn will send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi. These will be entered in your grade card.

Submission of Assignments

You should note that the submission of assignments is compulsory before taking up Term-end Examination. It is therefore suggested that you do them within time. In M.A. first year you will have to do a total of 4 assignments. We have given you a lot of time to do the assignments but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of the particular course and submit them so that you may get back the marks and comments of the Counsellor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments because it would be difficult to do all of them in one go. Specific dates for the submission are given below.

Last Date of Submission of Assignment

July 2024 Session Students

31st March 2025

January 2025 Session Students

30th September 2025

Where to submit the assignments:

The Coordinator of your Study Centre

Before attempting the assignments please read the detailed instructions provided in the Programme Guide sent to you separately.

Now read the guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

GUIDELINES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

The assignments have two types of questions:

- 1) Essay Type Questions which you have to answer in about 500 words each and they carry 20 marks each.
- 2) Short notes to be answered in about 250 words each and they carry 10 marks each.

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- a) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then re-arrange these in a logical order.
- b) **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarise your response to the question.

Make sure that your answer:

- is logical and coherent;
 - has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
 - is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
 - does not exceed the number of words indicated in your question.
- a) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasise.
 - b) **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.

MHI-01: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL SOCIETIES

Course Code: MHI-01

Assignment Code: MHI-01/AST/TMA/2024-25

Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

1. How were Neolithic tools different from late Paleolithic? 20
2. How was the irrigation system in Harappa different from Mesopotamia? 20
3. What were the remarkable features of the Maya settlements? 20
4. Write a brief note on the standardization of coinage in Persian empire. 20
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in **250** words each: 10+10
 - i) Hominids
 - ii) The Huns
 - iii) Aramaic
 - iv) Cuneiform literature

Section – B

6. How could the rise in Urban centres have led to the decline of feudalism? 20
7. How did printing influence society? 20
8. Describe the main ills afflicting church in late 15th and early 16th century that gave birth to Protestantism. 20
9. Describe the Growth of towns in Europe during medieval period. 20
10. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in **250** words each: 10+10
 - i) Manors
 - ii) Banjaras
 - iii) Modern world
 - iv) Karimi Merchants

MHI-02: MODERN WORLD

Course Code: MHI-02

Assignment Code: MHI-02/AST/TMA/2024-2025

Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

Section – A

1. What are the major ideas of enlightenment on man and society? Explain the arguments of Romantics against the enlightenment. 20
2. Discuss different theories of the state. 20
3. Define bureaucratization. Analyse the bureaucratization of state in 19th -20th century. 20
4. “The transformation of the society -from the agrarian to industrial- created the conditions for the rise of nation and nationalism”. Explain. 20
5. Write a short note on **any two** of the following in about **250** words each. 10+10
 - i) Modernization and problems of mass society
 - ii) Theory of proto-industrialization
 - iii) Secular opening in Renaissance
 - iv) The capitalist entrepreneur

Section- B

6. Explain the expansion of Europe in non-European world through migration between 1400-1800. 20
7. Describe the nuclear arms race in the cold war. Examine the international efforts to control the nuclear proliferation. 20
8. What are the major features of new political culture, emerged after the French revolution? 20
9. Discuss the role of mobilization of military manpower and technology in modern warfare. 20
10. Write a short note on **any two** of the following in about **250** words each: 10+10
 - i) Cultural legacy of French revolution
 - ii) Debate over unipolarity
 - iii) Demographic Transition Theory
 - iv) Importing of new plants and animal species

MHI-04: POLITICAL STRUCTURES IN INDIA

Course Code: MHI-04

Assignment Code: MHI-04/AST/TMA/2024-2025

Total Marks: 100

NOTE: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

Section-A

1. Write a note on the Satvahana state. 20
2. Discuss the debate on the study of early medieval polity. 20
3. How have the modern historians looked at the state formation during the Delhi Sultanate period? Elaborate. 20
4. Discuss the nature of state formation of the Vijayanagara kingdom. 20
5. Write a note on the formation of the Kingdom of Malwa. 20

Section-B

6. Comment on the state during the Chola times. 20
7. Discuss the administration of the state during the Pandyan times. 20
8. What was the nature of the Mughal administration? Discuss. 20
9. Comment on the nature of the colonial forest policy. 20
10. What were the objectives of the colonial revenue policy? Discuss. 20

MHI-05: HISTORY OF INDIAN ECONOMY

Course Code: MHI-05

Assignment Code: MHI-05/AST/ TMA/2024-25

Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION A

- 1 Discuss the recent trends in the economic history writings of Ancient India?20
2. Discuss the salient features of Satvahana Economy. 20
3. Analyse the recent development in Feudalism debate. 20
4. Critically examine the nature of foreign trade during 300 BC to 300 AD, with special reference to Peninsular India. 20
5. Write short notes on any **two** of the following. Answer in about **250** words each. 10+10
 - i) Radio Carbon dating
 - ii) Guilds
 - iii) Indo-Roman Trade
 - iv) Weavers, Textile Production and Trade in South Asia

SECTION B

6. To what extent did means of artificial irrigation stimulated the agrarian production during the medieval period. 20
7. Critically examine the distinctive characteristics of Mughal land revenue system. 20
8. Discuss the impact of European interventions on Indian merchants and trade during the eighteenth century . 20
9. Examine the nature of population growth during colonial period in India. 20
10. Write short notes on any **two** of the following. Answer in about **250** words each. 10+10
 - i) Porterage
 - ii) Taxes other than Land tax during Mughal period
 - iii) Historiography of Asian Trade
 - iv) Globalization