

EHI-02

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

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2021 and January 2022 Sessions

**Course Code :EHI-02
India: Earlier Times to the 8th century AD**



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Assignment 2021-2022

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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
Assignment -1 (TMA) for July 2022 Session Students	31st March 2022	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
Assignment -1 (TMA) for January 2023 Session Students	30th September 2022	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-02: INDIA: Earliest Times to 800 A.D.
TUTOR MARKS ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: EHI-02
Assignment Code: EHI-03/AST/TMA/2021-22
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 civilization.

Or

Examine the changes in society , economy and polity from the early vedic to the later vedic period. (20)

2. Explain the factors which lead to the rise of Buddhism given an account of its teaching and development.

Or

Describe the main features of the Central administration and economy of the Mauryan. (20)

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. Discuss the Megalithic culture of India.

Or

Assess the main features of sculptural art between 200 B.C. to 305 A.D. (12)

4. Discuss the rise of urban centres in the 6th century B.C.?

Or

Examine the nature of state formation in Tamiekam in the early period. (12)

5. Write a note on the economy and society under the Gupta rulers.

Or

Discuss the political developments in the Deccan and South India for the mid 6th century A.D. to 10th century A.D. (12)

6. Write a detailed note on Shungas and Kushanas.

Or

What were the factors responsible for the rise of Magadha. (12)

Section 3: Answer each question in about 100 words.

7. Write short notes on **any two** of the following in **100** words each. (10+10)
- i) Chalcoithic cultures of western, central and eastern India
 - ii) Principles and teachings of Jainism
 - iii) Mauryan art
 - iv) Developments in religion in the past Gupta period