

**BHIC-101**

**BACHELOR'S OF ARTS  
HISTORY Hons. PROGRAMME  
(BAHH)**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**For the learners enrolled in  
July 2020-January 2021 session**

**COURSE CODE: BHIC-101**

**HISTORY OF INDIA – I**



**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination. You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for a six credit course and two TMAs for a four credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course **BHIC-101 History of India – I** which is a six credit course.

**Assignment One** has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs) along with the application part. These questions are framed to check your understanding of various introductory concepts of History along with your ability to solve the application based questions in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

**Assignment Two** has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner.

**Assignment Three** has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recalling in brief the relevant/precise information about various historical concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination to the **Coordinator of your study centre. This assignment is valid for January 2021 admission cycle; and the assignment is to be submitted latest by September 30, 2021.** You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the 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 has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) <b>Planning:</b> Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.</li><li>2) <b>Organisation:</b> Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.<br/><br/>Make sure that your answer:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) is logical and coherent;</li><li>b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, and</li><li>c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.</li></ol></li></ol> |
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- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best,  
**Faculty of History**



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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

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**Marks: 100**

**Note: There are three Sections in the Assignment. You have to answer all questions in the Sections.**

**Assignment - I**

**Answer the following in about 500 words each.**

1. What is Pre-history? Describe the main features of Lower Palaeolithic culture of India.  
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2. What is an empire? Can it be applied in the case of the Mauryas? Explain.  
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**Assignment - II**

**Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.**

3. What are the distinguishing features of Mature Harappan Culture? In what ways can it be distinguished from the Early Harappan culture?  
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4. Describe the material milieu for the rise of Buddhism and Jainism in the sixth century BCE.  
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5. Give the reasons for the rise of the Magadha mahajanapada.  
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**Assignment - III**

**Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.**

6. Neolithic culture in India  
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7. Late Harappan culture  
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8. Painted Grey Ware  
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9. Mauryan administration  
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10. Position of women in early India  
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