

**EH1-02**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS  
For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions**

**Course Code: EH1-02  
India: Earliest Times to 8th Century A.D.**



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## Assignment 2026-2027

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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-1 (TMA)<br>For <b>July 2026</b> Session<br>Students    | <b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2027</b>         | <b>The Coordinator of your<br/>Study Centre</b> |
| Assignment-1 (TMA)<br>For <b>January 2027</b><br>Session Students | <b>30<sup>th</sup> September<br/>2027</b> | <b>The Coordinator of your<br/>Study Centre</b> |

Now read the following guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

### GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE ASSIGNMENT

In writing the assignment keeps 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. Discuss the main features of the town planning of the Harappan civilization. 20

Or

Describe the social and political conditions of the Rig Vedic period.

2. Explain the cause for the rise and spread of Buddhism.

Or

Describe the central administration of the Mauryas. 20

**Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.**

3. Discuss the Neolithic culture of India. 12

Or

Analyze the main features of sculptural art between 200 B.C. to 305 A.D

4. Discuss the sixteen Mahajanapadas. 12

Or

Explain the nature of the state in Tamilaham during the early period.

5. Write a note on society and religion under the Gupta rulers. 12

Or

Discuss the political developments in the Deccan and South India for the mid 6<sup>th</sup> century A.D to 10<sup>th</sup> century A.D.

6. Write a brief note on the Shungas and the Kushanas. 12

Or

Explain the cause of the rise of Magadha.

**Section 3: Answer in about 100 words each.**

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

- a) Chalcolithic cultures of Western, Central and Eastern India .
- b) Principles and teachings of Jainism.
- c) Mauryan Art
- d) Developments in religion in the post Gupta period.