

EHI-04

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

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

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



**Faculty of History
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
MAIDAN GARHI NEW DELHI -110068**

Assignment 2024-2025

Programme Code: BDP
Course Code: EHI-04

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) For July 2024 Session Students	31st March 2025	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
Assignment-1 (TMA) For January 2025 Session Students	30th September 2025	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 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.

EHI-04
India from 16th to Mid 18th Century
(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: EHI-04
Assignment Code: EHI-04/AST/TMA/2024-2025
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 south Indian States show the signs of centralization during the 16th century. 20
or
During the 16-18th century in the context of trade and commerce, what does the word factory denote? What was it's role?
2. What were the major customs, festivals and amusements practiced in rural India? Enumerate the main features of these. 20
or
Give an account of various categories of peasants.

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. How far do you agree with the view that Mughal relations with persia revolved round the issue of Quandar? 12
or
What were the main tenets of Mughal policy towards the Rajput in 17th century?
4. Discuss the clash of interests between the Zamidar and Jagirdar. 12
or
What do you understand by the term 'watan System'?
5. Describe the sea-route from Indian parts to Europe. 12
or
Write a short note on the literary works written in sanskrit during 16th and 17th centuries.
6. Describe the Glass Technology of India between 16th century to mid 18th century. 12
or
Analyse the pattern of the emergence of autonomous kingdoms during the early 18th century.

Section 3: Answer in about 100 words each.

7. Write short notes on any **two** of the following: 6 + 6
- i) Jajmani system
 - ii) Mystical literature
 - iii) Kishangarh school of painting.
 - iv) Portfolio capitalists