

BSHF-101

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

ASSIGNMENT

For 2025-2026

Course Code: BSHF-101

Foundation Course in Humanities and Social Sciences



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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 assignment, please read the instructions provided in the Programme Guide.

Assignment Nos.	Date of Submission	Where to send
Assignment-1 (TMA) For July 2025 Session Students	31st March 2026	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
Assignment-1 (TMA) For January 2026 Session Students	30th September 2026	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.

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TMA

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Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

DCQ: Answer any two in about 500 words each.

1. How do we study society? Give your views. 20
2. Discuss the differences between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles enshrined in our Constitution. 20
3. How has the nature of peace and conflict changed in the current phase of globalisation? 20
4. What do you understand by the term 'human security'? Discuss. 20

MCQ: Answer any four questions in about 250 words each.

5. What do you understand by the term 'post industrial society'? Discuss. 12
6. What do you understand by the term 'reformation'? Discuss. 12
7. What were the reforms brought in education in our country? Comment. 12
8. How has globalisation affected the Indian economy? Discuss. 12
9. Discuss the nature of bharatnatyam as an art form. 12
10. Who are the Scheduled Tribes? 12
11. What are the legacies of the freedom movement in our country? Briefly discuss. 12
12. Briefly comment on the evolution of human being as a thinking animal. 12

SCQ: Write short notes on any two in about 100 words each: 6+6

13. (i) The Iron Age
(ii) Denotified Tribes
(iii) Social Change
(iv) Planning in India