

**EHI-02**

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

**ASSIGNMENTS  
For July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions**

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



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## Assignment 2025-2026

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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.

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

## **EHI-02: India: Earliest Times to 8th Century A.D.**

### **Assignment**

### **TMA**

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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 issues relating to early farming which excavation on the Nile valley have raised. 20

or

Discuss the material characteristics of the Harappan Civilization.

2. Discuss the main features of agrarian relations during the Early Medieval period. 20

or

The proliferation of castes was an important development in the Gupta and post Gupta period. Explain.

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

3. Discuss important characteristics of the Early Vedic Society. 12

or

Write about the Iron Age in South India.

4. What are the basic principles of Jainism? 12

or

What are the Teachings of Buddha?

5. Explain the main principles of the policy of Ashoka's Dhamma. 12

or

Write a note on the trade routes in Mauryan India.

6. Write a note on the impact of trade and urbanism on the local traders and artisans. 12

or

How would you account for the increase in trade in the post-Mauryan period?

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

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

i) Palaeolithic tools

ii) Vaishnavism

iii) Tamilaham

iv) Mathura art