

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

ASSIGNMENTS

For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions

**Course Code: EHI-05
India from mid 18th to mid 19th Century**



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Assignment 2024-2025

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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 2024 Session Students	31st March 2027	The Coordinator of your Study Centre
Assignment-1 (TMA) For January 2025 Session Students	30th September 2027	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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Total Marks: 100

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

Section 1: Answer any two questions in about 500 words each.

DCQ: Answer any two questions in about 500 words each.

1. Compare and contrast the main features of the Permanent Settlement and the Ryotwari settlement. Were they able to fulfill their objectives? 20.
2. Discuss the salient aspects of the Utilitarian ideas. 20.
3. How did war and militarization impact the formation of the Mysore revenue system? Elaborate. 20.
4. Comment on the impact of western knowledge on the Indian mind in the 19th century. 20.

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

5. What was the role of the orientalist in shaping the British policy in the late 18th and early 19th centuries? 12.
6. Discuss the nature of the 1857 revolt. 12.
7. Was the 18th century in India a 'dark age'? Comment.? 12.
8. What was the impact of the Charter Act of 1833? Discuss. 12.
9. Did the British effectively establish the 'rule of law' in the 18th and 19th centuries? Comment. 12.
10. Were the Burma wars able to fulfill the objectives of the British? 12.
11. Discuss the role of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar in taking forward the social reforms in India. 12.
12. Comment on the Hindi-Urdu controversy. 12.

13. SCQ: Answer any two in 100 words each. 6+6

- a. Lokahitwadi
- b. 'Fitna' during Maratha rule
- c. Sir William Jones
- d. The Afghan Wars