

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

ASSIGNMENT

For July 2025 and January 2026 Sessions

**Course Code: EHI-06
History of China and Japan (1840-1949)**



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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.

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.

Assignment TMA

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Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section 1: Answer each question in about 500 words.

1. Explain the causes and impact of Opium Wars on China.

Or

What was Meiji restoration? Discuss the debate on Meiji restoration.

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2. Write an essay on the expansionist policy of Japan since 1931.

Or

Explain the development of Chinese nationalism. How the Revolution of 1911 played an important role in it?

20

Section 2: Answer each question in about 250 words.

3. Discuss the Chinese philosophical thoughts in classical period.

Or

Describe the major characteristics of Tokugawa state.

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4. Discuss the emergence of the Chinese bourgeoisie as a social force.

Or

Write a note on the emergence of Kuomintang in China.

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5. Write a note on the initial contact between Japan and the West.

Or

Explain the industrial growth of Japan in inter-war period.

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6. Briefly discuss the rise of new culture in China after the revolution of 1911.

Or

Discuss the role of intellectuals in the modernization of Japan.

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Section 3: Answer in about 100 words each.

1. Write short notes on any **two** of the following:

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i) May 4th, 1919 Movement in China

ii) Japanese Constitution.

iii) Hung Hsiu-Chuan and the God Worshippers Society

iv) The oil shock in Japan after World War II

