

Bachelor of Arts (History)

BA Gen. Programme (BAG)/BA Hons. Programme (BAHIH)

ASSIGNMENT

**For the learners enrolled in
JULY 2026 and JANUARY 2027 sessions**

COURSE CODE: B.H.I.E.-143

HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENT



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide, evaluation at IGNOU consists of two parts: i) continuous evaluation through assignments, and ii) term-end examination. In the final result, assignments of a course carry 30% weightage while 70% weightage is given for term-end examination. You will have to do three Tutor Marked Assignments (TMA) for a six-credit course and two TMAs for a four-credit course. This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the Discipline Elective Course **BHIE-143 History of Environment** which is a six-credit course.

Section One has Descriptive Category Questions (DCQs) along with the application part. These questions are framed to check your understanding of various introductory concepts of History along with your ability to solve the application-based questions in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section Two has Middle Category Questions (MCQs). These questions require you to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise manner.

Section Three has Short Category Questions (SCQs). These questions are meant to improve your skill of recalling in brief the relevant/precise information about various historical concepts and processes.

Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section.

As mentioned in the Programme Guide, you need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination to the **Coordinator of your study centre. This assignment is valid for January 2027 admission cycle and the assignment is to be submitted latest by September 30, 2027.** You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

We expect you to answer each question as per guidelines for each category as mentioned in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Planning: Read the assignments carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.2) Organisation: Be a little selective and analytic before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that your answer:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) is logical and coherent;b) has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs, andc) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation. |
| 3) Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit. |

Wishing you all the best,
Faculty of History

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(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)**

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Marks: 100

Note: There are three Sections in the Assignment. You have to answer all questions in the Sections. Marks are indicated in front of each question.

Section-1 Answer in about 500 words each.

1. What do you understand by the term 'Ecofeminism'? Elucidate with particular reference to Ecofeminism in the Indian context. **20**
2. Comment on the role N.G.O.s and Environmental movements have played in India for protecting our environment. **20**

Section-2 Answer in about 250 words each.

3. How do you see man-environment relationship, interaction and interface during medieval India? **10**
4. Define 'Green Imperialism'. Assess the attitude of European colonialism towards Green Imperialism. **10**
5. How are environmental elements and components like forests, lakes etc. envisioned in Indian philosophy? **10**

Section-3 Write short notes on each of the following in about 100 words each.

6. Environmental history **6**
7. Role of water resources in river-valley civilizations during ancient India **6**
8. Animal hunting under East Indian Company **6**
9. Biodiversity and environmental protection **6**
10. *Tinai* concept during *Sangam* age **6**