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M.A. History

Assignment
For July 2026 and January 2027 Sessions

MHI-08
History of Ecology and Environment: India

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Dear Student,

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A. in History you will have to do one assignment in each course. The assignments are compulsory. Each assignment covers the whole course.

It is important that you write the answers to all the assignment questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular question.

The assignment should be submitted to the **Coordinator of your Study Centre.** You must obtain a receipt from the **Study Centre** for the assignment submitted and retain it. If possible, keep a photocopy of the submitted assignment with you.

The **Study Centre** will have to return the assignment to you after evaluation. Please insist on this. The **Study Centre** in turn will send the marks to the **Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU**, New Delhi. These will be entered in your grade card.

Submission of Assignment

You should note that the submission of assignment is compulsory before taking up **Term-end Examination.** It is therefore suggested that you do assignment within time. We have given you a lot of time to do the assignment but we advise you to do assignment one by one along with your study of the particular course and submit on time so that you may get back the marks and comments of the Counsellor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do your assignment for each course within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments because it would be difficult to do all of them in one go. Specific dates for the submission are given below.

Last Date of Submission of Assignment

July 2026 Session Students **31st March 2027**

January 2027 Session Students **30th September 2027**

Where to submit the assignments: The Coordinator of your Study Centre

Before attempting the assignment please read the detailed instructions provided in the Programme Guide sent to you separately.

Now read the guidelines carefully before answering the questions:

GUIDELINES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

The assignment has two types of questions:

1) Essay Type Questions which you have to answer in about 500 words each and they carry 20 marks each.

2) Short notes to be answered in about 250 words each and they carry 10 marks each.

You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

a) **Planning:** Read the assignment carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then re-arrange these in a logical order in your own words.

b) **Organisation:** Be a little more selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In an essay-type question, give adequate attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer your brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarise your response to the question.

Make sure that your answer:

- is logical and coherent;
- has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs;
- is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation;
- does not exceed the number of words indicated in your question.

a) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly and underlining the points you wish to emphasis.

b) **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.

Wishing you all the best,
Faculty of History

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MHI-08: HISTORY OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT: INDIA

Course Code: MHI-08
Assignment Code: MHI-08/AST/TMA/2026-27
Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. The assignment is divided into two Sections 'A' and 'B'. You have to attempt at least two questions from each section in about 500 words each. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION-A

1	Examine various facets of Human-nature interface.	20
2	Discuss the significance of the ecological diversity of the Indian Subcontinent.	20
3	Discuss the role of environmental conditions in the emergence and growth of river valley civilization in India.	20
4	Discuss the major characteristics of agricultural diffusion in the Indian subcontinent.	20
5	Write a note on the historical patterns of energy consumption in India.	20

SECTION-B

6	How did industrialism shape the colonial perception of environment? Discuss.	20
7	Critically examine the impact of colonial forest policies.	20
8	Critically examine the nature of colonial water management.	20
9	Write a note on the significance of Bio-diversity with reference to Acts relating to Biodiversity.	20
10	Discuss the genesis and character of Chipko movement.	20