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ASSIGNMENTS

Master of Arts in History

(MAHI)

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SUBMISSION DATES FOR ASSIGNMENTS

COURSE CODE	ASSIGNMENT NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	SUBMISSION DATE
MHI-01	I	Ancient and Medieval Societies	Sunday, 10th February 2019
MHI-02	I	Modern World	Sunday, 24th February 2019

INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the Master of Arts programme in History offered by Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur.

*You are required to submit **two** numbers of assignment per course within the stipulated time in order to become eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The assignments will be evaluated by the counselors at your Study Centre. Please submit your assignments response to Coordinator of the Study Centre. Before you attempt the assignments, please go through the course materials carefully. Please read the instructions pertaining to an assignment before your start writing your answer. Do not copy from the course material or from any other source. You are advised to read the material carefully, understand the same and write answers in your own language and style so that you will get good marks/grades.*

Purpose of Assignments:

- 1. Assignments are part of the continuous evaluation process in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. Due weightage is given to the marks/grades you obtain in assignments. This will help you for better performance in the term-end examination. If you secure good grades/marks in assignments, your overall performance will improve.*
- 2. Assignments are also a part of the teaching-learning process in ODL. Your assignment, after evaluation, will be returned back to you with specific and general comments by the evaluator. This will help you to know your strength as well as your weakness. Thus, it will establish a two-way communication between learner and evaluator.*

How to write assignments:

- 1. Write your name, programme code, course title, enrolment no. and study centre code in the top sheet of the assignment answer booklet.*
- 2. Write the answers in your handwriting. Give sufficient margin in the left side of each page so that the evaluator will give comments on each paragraph/page. Do not cross the word limit given in each question.*
- 3. Your handwriting should be neat and readable.*

Weightage for assignments:

- 1. Assignment carry 25% weightage and term-end examination carry 75% weightage.*
- 2. Each assignment will be of 100 marks.*
- 3. You have to score minimum pass mark i.e. 40% in each assignment. In case you do not submit assignment or get fail mark in assignment you have to re-submit in the next year.*

Assignment - I

Course Title: Ancient and Medieval Societies

Course Code: MHI-01

Full Marks: 100

Answer the following questions as per instruction

Group – A

1. Write short notes on the following within 50 words each. 2 x 5=10
- Homo Sapiens
 - The Gift of Nile
 - Cyrus
 - The City of Mecca
 - Knights

Group – B

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions within 100 words each. 5x4=20
- Examine the tools of the Upper Palaeolithic Age.
 - Write a note on the earliest system of writing in the Egyptian Civilization.
 - Analyse the main features of the Mycenaean Civilization.
 - Give an account of the nature of the Chinese society.
 - Analyse the view of Henri Pirenne on feudalism.
 - Write down the major trade routes in the Indian Ocean.

Group – C

3. Answer any **four** of the following questions within 200 words each. 10x4=40
- Discuss the technological foundations of the Bronze Age Civilizations.
 - Describe the background of the formation of the Babylonian Empire.
 - Examine the settlement pattern, polity and society of the Maya Civilization.
 - Analyse the teachings of Confucius.
 - Highlight the contributions of Copernicus.
 - Write a note on the features of urbanization in Medieval period.

Group – D

4. Answer any **two** of the following questions within 300 words each. 15x2=30
- What is the meaning of the term 'Neolithic Revolution'? What were changes marked in human life and culture during the Neolithic period?
 - Throw light on the political structure and society of the Roman Empire.
 - Examine the two main phases of feudalism.
 - Describe the characteristics of the commercial practices during the Middle Ages.

Assignment - I

Course Title: Modern World

Course Code: MHI-02

Full Marks: 100

Answer the following questions as per instruction

Group – A

1. Write short notes on the following within 50 words each. 2x5=10
 - a) Humanism
 - b) The Welfare State
 - c) Meaning of Mercantalism
 - d) Definition of Imperialism
 - e) Woodrow Wilson

Group – B

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions within 100 words each. 5x4=20
 - a) Examine the idea of 'Social Contract' of Rousseau.
 - b) Write a note on the process of formation of bureaucracy.
 - c) What is commercial capitalism?
 - d) Analyse the types of decolonization.
 - e) What is Unipolar world?
 - f) Throw light on the cultural legacy of the French Revolution.

Group – C

3. Answer any **four** of the following questions within 200 words each. 10x4=40
 - a) Discuss the main features of the Enlightenment.
 - b) Describe the Marxist theory of State.
 - c) Trace the development of Nationalism in South Asia.
 - d) Analyse the main features of commercial capitalism.
 - e) Examine the concept of Total War.
 - f) Discuss the Malthusian theory of Demographic change.

Group – D

4. Answer any **two** of the following questions within 300 words each. 15x2=30
 - a) Throw light on the idea of democracy in the modern world.
 - b) Discuss the theories for the emergence of capitalism.
 - c) Describe the basic features of colonialism.
 - d) Highlight the impact of the cold war in the Post Second World War period.