



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

Home Assignment
M.A. in History (2nd Semester)
Session: 2013-2014

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF HOME ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Write your **NAME, ROLL NUMBER, SESSION, PAPER NUMBER, TOPIC SELECTED** and **EXAMINATION**, clearly on the top of the Front page of each paper.
2. Submit your Assignments **PAPER-WISE Separately**.
3. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of *not more than 500 words each*. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
4. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **10 marks**. (10 marks x 2 essays = 20 marks).
5. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
6. **Stick File** is not necessary.
7. **Copying** from others including **Xerox** from others strictly prohibited.
8. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on **A-4** sized paper on **One Side** of each page **Only**.
9. Submit your Assignments strictly on or before the due date as notified. Assignments received after the due date may not be considered for evaluation.
10. The last date of submission is **12th May, 2014**.

N.B. Students are requested to follow the instructions strictly.

PAPER: 205 History of China

1. Critically examine how the Open Door Policy oriented America's active participation in the politics of China.
2. Evaluate the role of Mao Tse-Tung in the history of China during the period 1935-1949.

PAPER: 206 History of Assam (1228-1826)

1. Discuss the importance of the *Buranjis* as a source of information for the reconstruction of the history of Assam.
2. Discuss the relation of the Ahoms with the hill tribes during the reign of Rudra Singha.

PAPER: 207 (Group A) State Formation in Ancient India

1. Explain the different theories relating to the political organization of the Harappan culture.
2. What do you understand by the *saptanga* theory? Explain the concept of the State in the context of Mauryan polity.

PAPER: 207 (Group B) British Rule in India (1757-1857)

1. How far was Clive responsible for the misgovernment in Bengal that followed the battle of Plassey?
2. Discuss Haider Ali's relations with the East India Company.

PAPER: 208 (Group A) Agriculture Trade and urbanization in Early India

1. Discuss the importance and nature of the Indo-Roman trade between 100 BC and 200 AD and highlight its consequences.
2. Comment on the state control of the economy of the Mauryas with special reference to the collection of taxes.

PAPER: 208 (Group B) Economic History of Modern India (1757-1947)

1. What impact did commercialization of agriculture have on the Indian economy?
2. Evaluate the impact of World War I on the Indian economy.