



**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING
GAUHATI UNIVERSITY**

**Home Assignment
M.A. in History**

Previous Year (2012-2013)

Guidelines for Submission

1. Mention your **Name, Roll No.** (As mentioned in your fees receipt or Identity Card) clearly at the top of each Assignment.
 2. Staple or clip the Assignments **separately for each paper**. No hard binding is necessary.
 3. Write on **A-4 size paper** only with a margin 2cm on either side of the page.
 4. Write on **one side of the sheet** only.
 5. Assignments may be typed or neatly hand written.
 6. The Marks allotted to each paper is 20.
 7. **The last date of submission is 31st December, 2012.**
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Paper 1

Group A (Political and Administrative History of Ancient India from earliest times to 319 A.D.)

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

Group A (Political and Administrative History of Ancient India from Earliest Times 10 319 AD)

1. Critically examine the factors that led to the disintegration of the Mauryan Empire. To what extent was Asoka responsible for the same?

Or

2. Critically examine the role of iron in the emergence of the sixteen states in ancient India

Group C (Political and Administrative History of Modern India from 1757 to 1858 A.D.)

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

1. Analyse the economic, strategic and political implications of British policy towards Awadh.

Or

2. Make an assessment of the British policy of non —interference.

Paper 2

Group A (History of North-East India from the earliest times to 1228 A.D.)

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

1. Discuss the nature of Assam-Bengal relations during the Pala period.

Or

2. Assess the importance of archaeological sources in reconstructing the history of ancient Assam.

Group C (History of North –East India from 1826 to 1905)

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

1. Trace the circumstances leading to the annexation of Cachar. Was the annexation justified?

Or

2. Account for the agrarian uprisings in Kamrup and Darrang in 1893-94. What were the consequences?

Paper 3

History of United States of America 1783-1919

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

1. What were the salient features of the New Jersey Plan and the Virginia Plan? How were the differences that evolved centering those Plans resolved?

Or

2. Evaluate the foreign policy of Washington

Paper 4

History of Modern Europe 1871-1919

Answer any one of the following:

(20 marks each)

1. Discuss the problems faced by the nation state of Germany after 1871.

Or

2. Discuss the nature of the Balkan problem from 1908 to 1914

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