



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

**Home Assignment**

**M.A. in History (1<sup>st</sup> 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 ***November 05, 2013***.

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

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**COURSE 101: HISTORICAL METHODS**

1. What is 'objectivity in history'? Evaluate the influence of positivist thought on history writing.
2. Explain 'historical materialism' and examine the ideas of Karl Marx in understanding history.

**COURSE 102 : HISTORY OF ASSAM (circa 5<sup>th</sup> to 1228 A.D.)**

1. Evaluate the importance of the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* as sources of the history of Assam.
2. Discuss the relations of the Varman dynasty of Assam with their contemporaries.

**COURSE 103 : HISTORY OF USA (1783-1919)**

1. From an estimate of George Washington as the first president of the United state.
2. Estimate the importance of the Westward Movement in the history of the U.S.

**COURSE 104 : INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT**

1. Assess the aims and objectives of the Indian National Congress at the time of its inception.
2. Why was Bengal partitioned in 1905? What was its impact on Indian Politics?

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