



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

**Home Assignment
M.A in History
Final Year (2012-2013)**

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 paper carries a weightage of **20 marks**.
5. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
6. **Stick File** 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 **25th April, 2014**.

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

Paper V : International Affairs since 1919 (Total – 20 marks)

- 1) Examine the nature of the Problem of Disarmament during the Inter-War period.

Paper VI : History of East Asia : China & Japan (1839-1919) (Total – 20 marks)

- 1) Review China's relations with the Western powers from 1842 to 1861.

Paper VII Group A : (Total – 20 marks)
Political and Administrative History of Ancient India 320 A.D. to 650 A.D.

- 1) Evaluate the relative importance of literary and numismatic sources for the reconstruction of the history of the Imperial Guptas.

Paper VII Group C : (Total – 20 marks)
History of Modern India from 1858 to 1947 (Political, Administrative and Nationalist Developments)

- 1) Analyse the factors that led to the foundation of the Indian National Congress. Do you believe that it was started to provide a "safety valve" for the rising discontent among the masses.

Paper VIII Group A : (Total – 20 marks)
Political Ideas, Social and Economic Institution of Ancient India

- 1) Discuss the theory of Divine Origin of Kingship. To what extent was the theory applied in the post-Maurya period.

Paper VIII Group C : (Total – 20 marks)
Economic, Social and Cultural History of India

- 1) What were the factors that led to the commercialisation of agriculture in India during colonial rule. What was its impact.

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