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Exam Name: UPSC IAS MAINS HISTORY - PAPER- I

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hrs

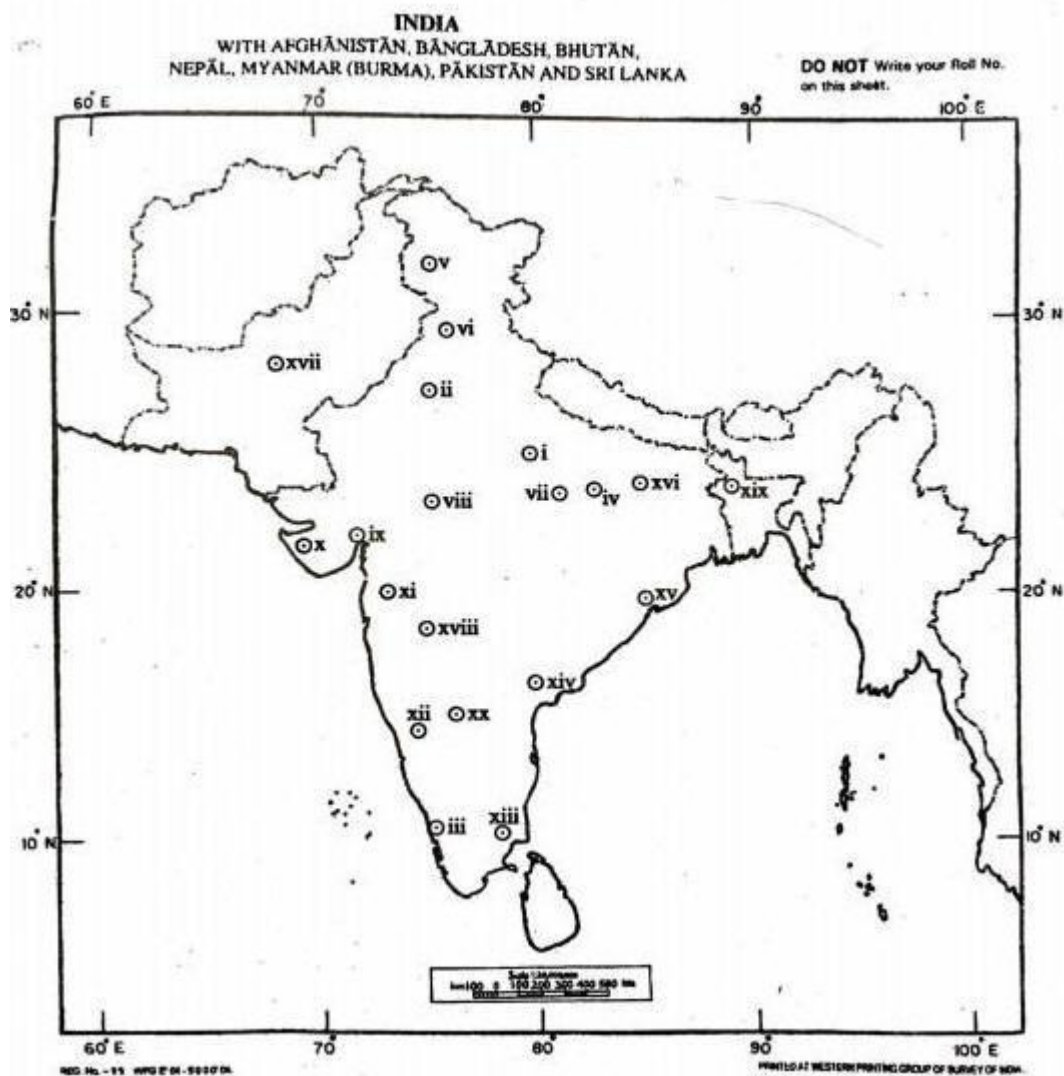
Maximum Marks : 250

SECTION 'A'

Q1. Identify the following places marked on the map supplied to you and write a short note of about 30 words on each of them in your Question-cum-Answer Booklet. Locational hints for each of the places marked on the map are given below seriatim.

- (i)** Brick temple site
- (ii)** Early Harappan site
- (iii)** Ancient seaport and trade centre
- (iv)** Stone age site
- (v)** Neolithic site
- (vi)** Archaeological site
- (vii)** Ancient capital city
- (viii)** Ancient capital
- (ix)** Harappan site
- (x)** Ancient inscriptions site
- (xi)** A Rock-cut cave site

- (xii) Ancient capital city
- (xiii) Famous temple site
- (xiv) Centre of School of art
- (xv) Ancient inscriptional site
- (xvi) Ancient education centre
- (xvii) Pre-Harappan site
- (xviii) Chalcolithic period site
- (xix) Early inscriptional site
- (xx) Ancient petroglyphs site



- Q2. (a)** Do you agree that archaeological evidence often helps in the better understanding of literary sources ? Comment. **15 Marks**
- (b)** The development of art and architecture during the Sunga period belies the belief that they were anti-Buddhist. Discuss. **15 Marks**
- (c)** Did the mastery over agriculture act as a leverage for the rise of Harappan towns and cities ? Discuss. **15 Marks**

Q3(a) The flourishing international trade during the Kushana period gave tremendous impetus to the development of art. Discuss. **15 Marks**

(b) Examine how the transformation of the Varna system from the Rigvedic to the Later-Vedic period affected the position women. **15 Marks**

(c) There are no literary sources for the Harappan culture and non archaeological evidence for the vedic period Explain the phenomenon . **20 Marks**

Q4(a) Explain how Ashoka used religion as a tool of political, aggrandizement ? **15 Marks**

(b) Do you agree that the system of land grants from the Gupta-Vakataka Period was connected with the decentralisation of state in any way ? **20 Marks**

(c) The discovery of monsoons by Hippalus gave a new direction to Indo-Roman trade during the Satavahana period. Comment. **15 Marks**

SECTION 'B'

Q5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each

:

(a) Discuss how Vijayanagar empire became the cultural capital of the south ? **10 Marks**

(b) Examine the status of Sanskrit in Mughal India. **10 Marks**

(c) Assess the rule of Zainul Abedin in Kashmir. **10 Marks**

(d) The economic measures of Alauddin Khalji were aimed at greater political control. Discuss. **10 Marks**

(e) Examine the European impact on Mughal paintings. **10 Marks**

Q6(a) Assess the statement that 'the philosophy of Shankaracharya revolutionised religious thoughts in India'. **20 Marks**

(b) Delineate the state of agriculture during the Sultanate period. **15 Marks**

(c) Sufi and Bhakti thoughts ennobled Indian psyche amidst the vagaries of time. Elucidate. **15 Marks**

Q7(a) The emergence of early capitalism in the Mughal period was primarily due to urbanisation and commercialisation. Comment. **20 Marks**

(b) Internal strife and conflict beset with personal ambitions was enough of an invitation for the Ghurids to invade India. Discuss. **15 Marks**

(c) The Mughals built like Titans and embellished like jewellers. Comment. **15 Marks**

Q8(a) Critically analyse whether the success of the Mughals is to be credited to their robust Jagirdari and Mansabdari system. **15 Marks**

(b) It was as much the court intrigues as also the defiance of the provincial powers that hastened the decline of the Mughals in the 18th century. Comment. **20 Marks**

(c) Shivaji was not merely a military conqueror but also was an enlightened ruler. Discuss. **15 Marks**

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