



(Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2004: History

Paper- I

Section A

1. Mark any fifteen of the following places on the map supplied to you and write short descriptive notes on the places plotted by you on the map:

- (i) Achichhatra
- (ii) Amaravati
- (iii) Bhimbaitka
- (iv) Champa
- (v) Kalibangan
- (vi) Kanauj
- (vii) Kapilvastu
- (viii) Karle
- (ix) Mahabalipuram
- (x) Mathura
- (xi) Mehrgarh
- (xii) Paithan
- (xiii) Pataliputra
- (xiv) Sarnath
- (xv) Siddapura
- (xvi) Somnath
- (xvii) Tamralipti
- (xviii) Taxila
- (xix) Tripuri
- (xx) Udaigiri

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2. Describe the social life of the later Vedic people. How was it different from the Rig-Vedic life ?
3. Explain the social aspects of Buddhism and account for its decline in India.
4. Give an account of the rise of the Chalukyas of Vatapi and their struggle with other rulers. Write a note on their patronage of arts.

Section B

5. Write short essays in not more than 200 words each on any three of the following topics
 - (a) The 'Corps of Forty' and its relations with the Sultans.
 - (b) The Token Currency System introduced by Muhammad Tughlaq.
 - (c) Was Din-i-Ilahi'a monument of Akbar's folly' ?
 - (d) The system of the collection of Chauth and Sardeshmukhi by the Maratha rulers.
6. The Cholas are said to have established a strong and well organised administration with an element of self-government at the local level. Do you agree ? Give reasons.
7. Discuss the growth of the Nirguna School of Bhakti Movement emphasising the contribution of Kabir and Nanak to it.
8. In what ways were Aurangzeb's Rajput and religious policies different from those of his predecessors ? What were the consequences of the changes made by him ?

Paper- II

Section A (Modern India)

1. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:
 - (a) 'The Treaty of Salbai (1782) was neither honourable to the English nor advantageous to their interests.'
 - (b) 'The object of the Act (Regulating) was good, but system that it established was imperfect.'
 - (c) 'Permanent Settlement disappointed many expectations and introduced the results that were not anticipated.'
 - (d) 'We are therefore unable to advise the British Government that the power which at present resides in British hands should be handed over to two entirely separate sovereign States.'
2. Discuss the causes that led to the 'economic drain' in Bengal following the Battle of Plassey.
3. Examine the impact of British rule on Indian Society in the 19th Century.
4. Analyse Indian foreign policy of Non-alignment between 1947 and 1964.

Section B (World History)

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each :
 - (a) 'Rousseau's political philosophy contains the seeds of Socialism, Absolutism and Democracy.'
 - (b) 'Napoleon was the child of the Revolution, but in many ways he reversed the aims and principles of the movement from which he sprang..... .
 - (c) 'To Bismarck the conclusion of the Treaty of May 20, 1882, was the culmination of this system.'
 - (d) 'The most important single factor in the years following 1919 was the French demand for security.'
6. Review the background of the Chartist Movement. Despite its failure how had their demands been met in the succeeding years?
7. What were the weaknesses and difficulties of the Weimer Republic ? How did Hitler succeed in establishing, his dictatorship ?
8. Analyse the factors for the collapse of Soviet Communism and Soviet Union during'-1985-1991.



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