



## (Exam Paper) UPSC IAS Mains 2010: History

### Paper- I

#### Section A

1. Mark the following places on the map supplied to you and write short descriptive notes on them:

- (i) Korkai
- (ii) Eran
- (iii) Birbhanpur
- (iv) Rakhigarhi
- (v) Sannati
- (vi) Isipattan
- (vii) Dhanyakataka
- (viii) Junnar
- (ix) Edakkal
- (x) Paithan
- (xi) Pandu Rajar Dhibi
- (xii) Karle
- (xiii) Vatapi
- (xiv) Porkalam
- (xv) Kalanjar
- (xvi) Multan
- (xvii) Bairat
- (xviii) Chanhudaro
- (xix) Rajim
- (xx) Tripuri

2. (a) To what extent archaeological materials are useful in understanding the progress of neolithic man in India?  
(b). Examine the significance of the deities depicted on the coins of the Kushanas.
3. (c) Examine the view that the sacrifice was a ritual and a form of social exchange in Vedic India.  
(b). Assess the role of guilds' and trade organizations in the development of early Indian economy.
4. What light do early inscriptions and literature throw on the status of women in politico-socio-economic spheres ?

### Section B

5. Write short notes in not more than 200 words each on any three of the following:  
(a) Provide a comparative analysis of the development of Arabic and Persian historiography.  
(b) Discuss social dynamics in the Vijayanagara empire.  
(c) Discuss different types of Karkhanas in Mughal India. How was the production organized in the Karkhanas?  
(d) Critically evaluate various approaches to study medieval Indian town.
6. (a) Examine the increasing importance of maritime trade of India during thirteenth to fifteenth centuries.  
(b) To what extent "monetary anaemia" afflicted the erstwhile commercial economy during the early medieval period?
7. (a). Comment on the Turco-Mongol theory of sovereignty. To what extent was it adopted by Babur and Humayun?  
(b) How did Shivaji organize his administration and finances to consolidate his power?
8. (a) What was Indian response to European Technology?  
(b) How far do you agree with the view that the temples in the early medieval period were catalysts in spreading education?

## Paper- II

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### Section-A ( Modern India )

1. Critically evaluate the following statements in about 200 words each :  
(a) "The educated middle class in the 19th century often found the domain of reason to be oppressive, as it implied the historical necessity of 'civilizing' colonial rule."  
(b) "Railway development in India provides an interesting instance of private enterprise at public risk"  
(c). "The active participation of Arena Asaf Ali in 1942 movement symbolized the role of women in India's freedom struggle."
2. (a). "In terms of the administrative structure, the Government of India Act of 1858, ... meant more continuation than change." Do you agree? Substantiate.  
(b) "Punjab's fate after Ranjit Singh was foredoomed as the impulse of neo Victorian Imperialism was bound to overwhelm " Elucidate.

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(c) 'The developments during 1937-1939 greatly undermined the ability of the Indian National Congress to push through the agenda of national unity.' Comment.

3. (a). What role did the economic ideas play; the early phase of the British rule in the shaping of land tenure policy?

(b) Discuss the extent to which the Indian Renaissance movement contributed towards the rise of nationalist consciousness.

4. (a) To what extent did the process of commercialization of agriculture affect the rural scene in India?

(b) Discuss the factors that led to the growth of Dalit consciousness and mention the major movements aimed at their empowerment.

### Section-B ( World History )

5. Critically evaluate the following statements in about 200 words each :

(a) "... he (Voltaire) was living in the Age of Enlightenment ... . The age itself was not enlightened." - E. Kant.

(b) "All long marches begin with small steps."

(c) "The essence of Perestroika is for people to feel they are the country's master."

6. (a) How far is it correct to say that every feature of American Constitution was ultimately of English origin?

(b) What do you understand by Imperialism? State briefly its unique features in the case of Africa.

(c) To what extent did Napoleon's economic war with England become his undoing?

7. (a) Critically examine the Dutch colonial policy in Indonesia.

(b) "Europe faced peace in 1945 politically disorganized and economically crippled." Elaborate.

8. (a) "The Eastern Question has always been an international question." Elucidate.

(b). Explain the circumstances leading to the emergence of Third World and analyze its impact on world affairs.



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