

IAS Mains History 1993

Paper I

Section A

1. Write brief essays of not more than 200 word each on any three of the following:
 - a. The burial customs in the Indus Civilization
 - b. The Vedic Gods of the terrestrial region
 - c. Similarities and differences between the Maurya columns and Achaemenian pillars
 - d. Buddhist writing in Sanskrit in the post-Maurya period
2. Bring out the elements of change and continuity between the Early Vedic and Later Vedic Cultures.
3. Examine the importance of Ashoka's Rock Edit XIII for determining the extent of the Maurya Empire. Did Ashoka's policies and reforms contribute to the fall of the empire?
4. Discuss the military activities of Kharavela of Kalinga. Do you think that his reign is significant for military expeditions alone?

Section B

5. Mark any fifteen of the following places on the map supplied to you and write brief notes only on the places marked on the map:

- i. Abu
- ii. Balasore
- iii. Belur
- iv. Bhojpur
- v. Chaul
- vi. Chunar
- vii. Gingee
- viii. Golconda
- ix. Janjira
- x. Kalanaur
- xi. Kalpi
- xii. Khajuha
- xiii. Khajuraho
- xiv. Konark
- xv. Kondavid
- xvi. Kumbakonam
- xvii. Mahim

xviii. Mandasor

xix. Mandla

xx. Maner

xxi. Modhera

xxii. Pandua

xxiii. Pulicat

xxiv. Puri

xxv. Raigarh

xxvi. Rajmahal

xxvii. Rewa

xxviii. Shivner

xxix. Sringeri

xxx. Talikota

6. Discuss the contribution of Rajaraja I and Rajendra I for the expansion of the Chola empire. Analyse the causes and impact of the naval expeditions of the Cholas.
7. Examine the significance of Alauddin Khalji's administrative reforms. Was he really successful in implementing these measures?
8. Analyse the merits and demerits of the Mansabdari System. How did it work under Akbar's successors?