

# IAS Mains History 2004

## 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:  $4 \times 15 = 60$

- 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. Samath
- xv. Siddapura
- xvi. Somnath
- xvii. Tamralipti
- xviii. Taxila
- xix. Tripuri
- xx. Udaigit

2. Describe the social life of the later Vedic people. How was it different from the
3. Explain the social aspects of Buddhism and account for its decline in India. 60
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:  $20 \times 3 = 60$

- 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 Sardesh-mukhi by the Maratha

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
7. Discuss the growth of the Niguna 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?