

# IAS Mains History 1990

## Paper I

### Section A

1. Write short essays of not more than 200 word each on any three of the following:
  - a. The formulation of social system in the later Vedic period
  - b. The Maurya policy of regulating and controlling economic activities
  - c. Indian participation in the silk trade through Central Asia
  - d. The economic prosperity in the Gupta period.
2. 'The Indus civilization did not have an abrupt appearance.' Discuss the statement. How does the Indus civilization stand, in view of its geographical expansion and chronology, in relations to the Vedic civilization?
3. Trace the rise of Magadhan imperialism up to the times of the Nandas with particular reference to its policy towards the non-monarchical state. Discuss the factors that contributed to its success.
4. Make a comparative study of the administrative system and development of art under the Pallavas of Kanchi and the Chalukyas of Vatapi.

### Section B

5. Mark any fifteen of the following places on the map supplied to you. Also give brief descriptive notes on the places marked on the map:
  - i. Ahmadnagar
  - ii. Badaun
  - iii. Baran
  - iv. Bhatnair
  - v. Bidar
  - vi. Chunar
  - vii. Daman
  - viii. Gangaikon-dacholapuram
  - ix. Hansi
  - x. Jajnagar
  - xi. Jaunpur
  - xii. Junagadh
  - xiii. kalyani
  - xiv. Kanhwa
  - xv. Lakhnawati

- xvii. Madura
- xviii. Malkhed
- xix. Mandu
- xx. Masulipatam
- xxi. Ranthambore
- xxii. Sahasaram
- xxiii. Sandabur
- xxiv. Serampur
- xxv. Srirangapatnam
- xxvi. Talakad
- xxvii. Thatta
- xxviii. Trichinopoly
- xxix. Uttaramerur
- xxx. Warangal

6. 'Sankaracharya brought about a synthesis of ideas and philosophies.' Discuss the statement and analyses the historical significance of his life and throught.
7. 'Firuz Tugluq has been overshadowed by Muhammad Tughluq.' In the light of this statement evaluate the significance of the policies and actions of Firuz Tughluq.
8. 'In medeival Indian history Akbar is unique for his religiopolitical ideas and policies.' Discuss the statement and compare Akbar with Sher Shah in regard to their administrative policies and revenue administration.