

OPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS-2006 (Held in 2008)

History Paper-I

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 300

The Figure in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates should attempt Question No.1 from Section-A and Question No.5 from Section –B which are compulsory and Three of the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each Section.

SECTION-A

1. Mark any FIFTEEN of the following places on the map supplied to you and write short descriptive notes on places plotted by you on the map: 60 marks

- a) Kulina
- b) Paisra
- c) Arikamedu
- d) Lothal
- e) Birbhanpur
- f) Chandraketugarh
- g) Tosali
- h) Gandhara
- i) Nevasa
- j) Kalibangan
- k) Dholavira
- l) Kushinagar
- m) Mahasthangarh

n) Nagarjunakonda

o) Sampa

p) Kanyakunja

q) Sravasti

r) Sankerjang

s) Indraprastha

t) Baidipur

2. "Dates are not very attractive things but without dates will not history become an impassable distance of facts? Can you analyze how dates and facts are synthesized in Ancient History? 60 marks

3. Will you regard Jainism and Buddhism as product of a society more open-minded than occurs? Illustrate your answer citing examples from the preceding and succeeding stages of society in ancient India. 60 marks

4. a) Trace the political role of Pataliputra during Asoka's and Samudragupta's time. 40 marks

b) Examine the importance of the reign of Kharavela in the early history of Orissa. 20 marks

Section-B

5. Write short essays in not more than 200 words each of any three of the following topics: 60 marks

a) Village administration under the Cholas

b) Alberuni's understanding of Indian sciences

c) Portuguese trade in South India

d) Sufism in North India

6. Give a critical account of the experiments made in revenue administration during the sultanate period. 60 marks

7. How can you trace out the socio-economic conditions during the Vijayanagara period basing on foreign accounts? 60 marks

8. a) Explain the development of technology during the Mughal period and analyse its impact on the growth of industry and trade. 40 marks

b) Review the contributions of the Somavamsi Rulers to the history and culture of Orissa. 20 marks

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