

OPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS-2006 (Held in 2009)

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 notes on places plotted by you on the map:

- (1) Taxila (2) Mathura (3) Ahichchhatra (4) Rajgriha
(5) Vaisali (6) Sanchi (7) Lothal (8) Ajanta (9) Tamralipti
(10) Bharhut (11) Nalanda (12) Sisupalgarh (13) Dhauri
(14) Noa (15) Pataliputra (16) Bhimbitka
(17) Amravati (18) Nagarjunkonda (19) Lumbini (20) Kausambi

2. Which are the main sources of Ancient Indian History? Assess the role of archaeology in reconstructing the cultural history of India.

3. Is there a relationship between rise of Buddhism and emergence of cities in the Ganga Plain ? Trace the growth of urbanization in its early phase.

4. (a) Discuss the impact of Kalinga war on Ashoka. Do you think that his policy of non-violence was responsible for decline of Mauryan Empire?

(b) Critically analyse the causes of the Kalinga War.

SECTION-B

5. Write short essays in not more than 200 words each on any THREE of the following topics:

- (a) Rise of Rajputs.
- (b) Impact of Economic Regulations of Alauddin Khilji on State and people.
- (c) Socio-religious factors for the growth of Bhakti Movement.
- (d) Historiography during the reign of Akbar.

6. Elaborate critically the Theory of Kingship under the Turko- Afghan rulers.

7. Examine the relation between Mansabadari and Jagirdari. How far it was responsible for the decline of the Mughal Empire?

8. (a) Discuss the nature and implications of the Rajput policy under Akbar.
- (b) Trace the Origin of the cult of Jagannatha.
