

History Paper-I

OPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS-2015

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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. Answer any Three of the following in about 200 words each: 60**
- Through light on the major literary sources of early Indian History.
 - Analyze the significance of the Kalinga War.
 - What are the significant teachings of Mahavir? How are they important?
 - Write a descriptive note on the inscription 'Prayag Prashsti'.
2. Trace the growth of literature, science and technology during Gupta Period. 60
3. How will you evaluate the nature of Mauryan State? 60
4. Indicate the specific features of the Indus Civilization and the causes of its decline. 60

Section-B

5. Write about any Three of the following topics in not more than 200 words: 60
- Contribution of Kalhan as a Historian
 - Village communities in South
 - Dara Shukoh
 - Styles of temple architecture during 750-1200
6. Analyze the nature of Ghorian invasions and its consequences on history of India. 60
7. Discuss the political, social, and cultural importance of the Vijayanagar Empire. 60
8. a) Write about the rise of Shivaji and its implications for the Mughals in India. 40
b) How will you explain the Cult of Jagannath? 20

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