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OPSC OAS

**Previous Year Paper
Mains 2018 (History)
Paper-I**



CSM – 38/18
History
Paper – I

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. 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 : $20 \times 3 = 60$

(a) Classify the literary sources for understanding the early history of India.

(b) Locate the sites of Indus Valley Civilization and discuss its unique features.

(c) What kind of social, cultural, economic, political life is depicted in the Dharmashastras of India ?

(d) Give details of Ajanta, Ellora, Amaravati and Nagarjun Kund.

2. Do you think that Mauryan State was a Welfare State ? Assess the nature of the Mauryan administration in the light of the above. 60

3. How does the Sangam Literature help us to understand the Sangam age and its special features ? 60

4. Throw light on the achievements of Gupta Dynasty with special reference to its policy of establishing a "Greater India". 60

SECTION – B

5. Write about any **three** of the following in about 200 words : $20 \times 3 = 60$

(a) Analyse the significance of Vijaynagar Empire in the contemporary political scenario of India.

(b) What are the different theories of the origin of the Rajputs ?

(c) How and why India attracted foreign invasions from across its North West frontier, and with what results ?

(d) Throw light on the nature and functioning of the village communities in the South.

6. Evaluate the significance of the history written by Kalhan. 60

7. Write an essay on the court patronage of art technology during the time of Akbar. 60

8. Make an assessment of the contribution of Shivaji in different fields of administration and polity. 60