
QUESTION PAPER

TEST- V (ANCIENT INDIA + MEDIEVAL INDIA)

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Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 250

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There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

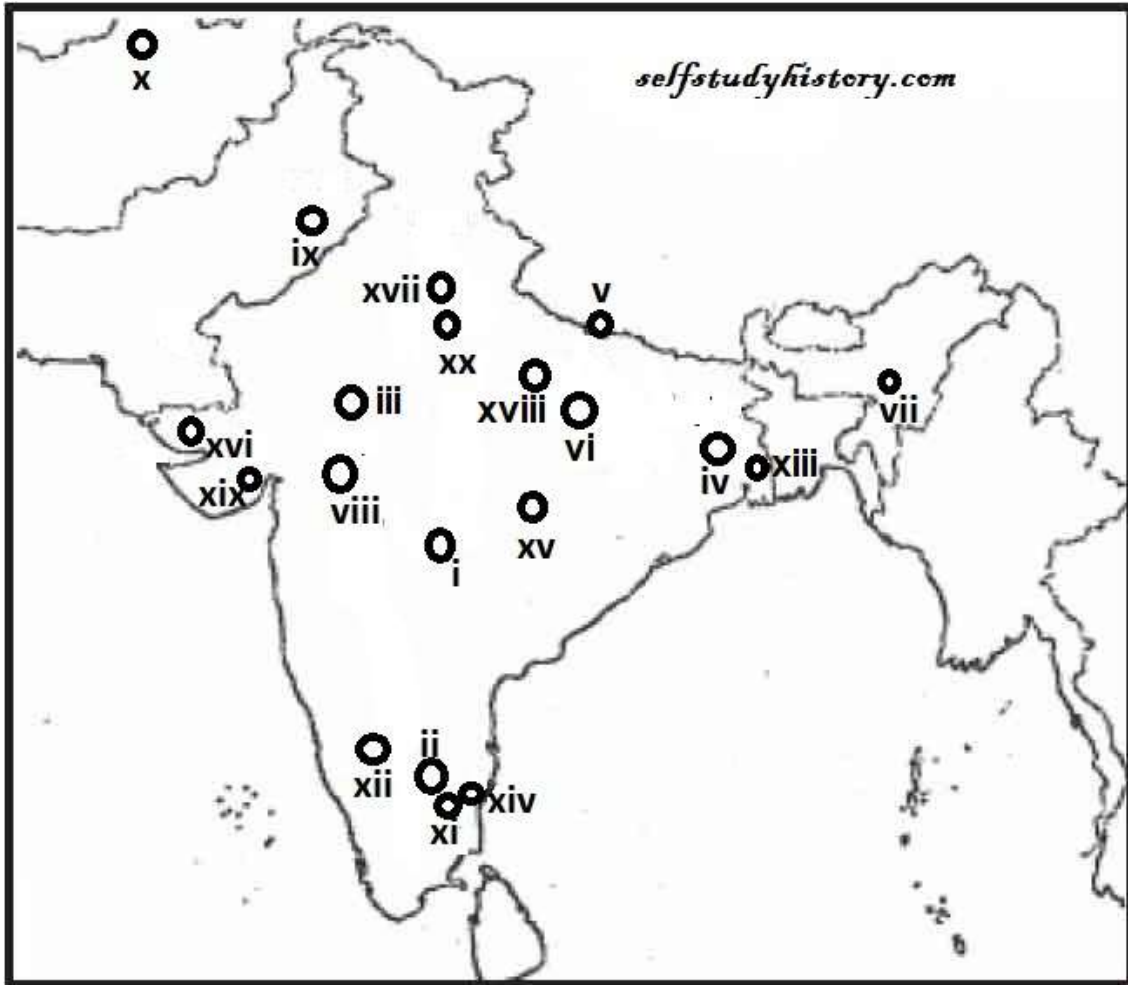
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SECTION A

Q.1 Identify the following places marked on the map supplied to you and write a short note of about 30 words on each of them in your Question-cum-Answer Booklet. Locational hints for each of the places marked on the map are given below seriatim:

2.5x20= 50 Marks

- (i) Megalithic site
- (ii) Neolithic and Chalcolithic site
- (iii) Chalcolithic site
- (iv) Mesolithic site
- (v) An ancient capital
- (vi) Palaeolithic site
- (vii) Neolithic site
- (viii) Rock cut cave
- (ix) Harappan site
- (x) Harappan site and ancient trading post
- (xi) A temple site
- (xii) Megalithic site and Ashokan Rock Edict
- (xiii) NBPW and Terracotta site
- (xiv) An ancient port
- (xv) An ancient religious site
- (xvi) Harappan site
- (xvii) BRW and PGW site
- (xviii) An archaeological temple site
- (xix) A political and educational center
- (xx) An art centre



Q.2

(a) To what extent the post-Mauryan five centuries can be characterized as the 'Dark Period' of Indian History? Give reasons in support of your answer. [20 Marks]

(b) With the help of contemporary sources, explain the expansion of trade activity in the period c. 300 BCE-300 CE in ancient India. [20 Marks]

(c) "Mauryan art was not only unique in itself but also influenced by others." Illustrate. [10 Marks]

Q.3

(a) On the basis of contemporary sources, give an account of Royal land grant in ancient India. [20 Marks]

(b) "Over the time it became difficult for individual to upgrade in the social order but social mobilization was always evident in Indian society." Critically Examine. [20 Marks]

(c) In ancient India, what was the impact of western world and India on each other? [10 Marks]

Q.4

- (a) Evaluate the contribution of the Pallavas in the history of the development of art and architecture in South India. [20 Marks]
- (b) Examine the political, religious, social and economic conditions of India during Gupta period with the help of the account of Chinese traveller Fa Hien. How his account differed from that of Hiuen Tsang. [20 Marks]
- (c) With the help of historical sources, give an account of Harappan external trade while mentioning trade centres, traded goods and trade routes. [10 Marks]

SECTION B

Q.5 Answer the following in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

- (a) Critically evaluate Barani's account as a source of history of Medieval India. [10 Marks]
- (b) Trace the development of Persian literature in Mughal India. [10 Marks]
- (c) "Though the Cholas' rule saw establishment of an element of self-government at the local level, it still lacked democratic elements." How far do you agree with this statement? [10 Marks]
- (d) How Lekhapaddhati helps us in understanding the society and economy of the thirteenth century CE? [10 Marks]
- (e) Give a critical account of the contribution made by Sawai Jai Singh towards the development of astronomy in 18th century. [10 Marks]

Q.6

- (a) "Indian society in early medieval India was not static but extremely vibrant and responsive to changes taking place at that time." Comment [20 Marks]
- (b) "The Sultanate policy for tackling Mongol menace had elements of aloofness, appeasement and resistance." Elucidate. [20 Marks]
- (c) "The Third Battle of Panipat changed the power equation in India and left backdoor open for the English." Explain. [10 Marks]

Q.7

- (a) "The extensive military expeditions undertaken during the reign of Alauddin Khalji was significant but his reign cannot be considered significant in terms of only such expedition." Elucidate. [20 Marks]
- (b) Critically examine the views of Balban, Ala-ud-din Khalji and the Tughluq on the nature of Kingship under the Delhi Sultanate. [20 Marks]
- (c) On the basis of contemporary sources, discuss the social life of Vijayanagara Empire under Krishnadevaraya. [10 Marks]

Q.8

- (a) Mention new structural forms introduced and stylistic evolution of architecture in Delhi Sultanate. [20 Marks]

(b) Analyze the controversial religious policies of Aurangzeb. Were his policies guided only by his puritanical mind? [20 Marks]

(c) Critically evaluate Bernier's account of India. [10 Marks]

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