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Q1

The ancient civilization in Indian sub continent differed from those of Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece in that its culture and traditions have been preserved without breakdown to the present day. Comment.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Indian Heritage and Culture

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Unread Indus script

Harappan writing is not deciphered, so claims of full civilisational continuity from those cities stay unproven.

Varanasi and Madurai

Long-used sacred cities that show place-memory still active in ritual life.

Ramayana and Mahabharata

Epics still recited and staged, unlike Homeric religion as a living Greek cult.

Bhakti and Sufi streams

Medieval devotion that carried older themes into new languages rather than wiping them out.

Egyptian and cuneiform break

Pharaonic and Mesopotamian cults ended as public religions after Christianity and Islam.

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