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With reference to ancient South India, Korkai, Poompuhar and Muchiri were well known as (a) capital cities (b) ports (c) centres of iron-and- steel making (d) shrines of Jain tirthankaras Official key: B.

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Ancient, medieval and modern Indian history - Prelims GS Paper I.

Explanation

(a)

Capital cities. Madurai, Vanji, Uraiyur were the usual Sangam capitals.

(b) Official key

Ports. Korkai, **Puhar** (Poompuhar / Kaveripattinam) and **Muziris** (Muchiri) were the famous Tamil ports.

(c)

Iron-and-steel centres. Not the identity of this trio.

(d)

Jain tirthankara shrines. Unrelated.

Summary

Official key is (b) ports. Korkai (Pandya pearl port), Poompuhar / **Puhar** (Chola Kaveri mouth) and Muchiri / **Muziris** (Chera, Kerala) are the Sangam-era port trio.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Muziris

Muchiri; Indo-Roman trade on the Malabar coast.

Puhar

Kaveripattinam; Silappadikaram's Chola port.