Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1995

HISTORY
(Paper II)

Time Allowed : Three Hours	*Maximum Marks : 300*

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

There are **EIGHT** questions divided in **TWO SECTIONS**.

Candidate has to attempt **FIVE** questions in all.

Questions no. **1** and **5** are compulsory and out of the remaining, any **THREE** are to be attempted choosing at least **ONE** question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

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

SECTION 'A'

1. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:

(a) "By certain of his actions Clive has marred both the glory and usefulness of his work."

(b) The Government of India from Canning to Curzon was regarded "as a white man's burden rather than as a call to creative effort or the preparation for a new era."

(c) The Diarchy provided by the Mont-Ford reforms "certainly created suspicion without the frictions within."

(d) "Having won political freedom, India had to win economic and cultural freedom."

2. The British conquest of Sind was both a political and moral sequel to the first Afghan war. Comment.

3. Economic changes in India from the late 1920s influenced the course of the country's politics. Elucidate.

4. Trace the course and comment on the character of caste movements in south India in the 20th century. How far was their object achieved?

SECTION 'B'

5. Comment on any three of the following statements in about 200 words each:

(a) "The Renaissance and the Reformation are the two springs of modern history, rival sources of the intellectual and moral freshening of modern life."

(b) The American Revolution "was a natural and even expected event in the history of colonial people who had come of age."

(c) At the end of the battle of Sedan (1870), "Europe lost a mistress and gained a master."

(d) "There was an element of system in Hitler's foreign policy. His outlook was continental."

6. The unification of Italy and that of Germany constituted a contrast in respect of the ways they were affected and impact they left on later international politics. Elucidate.

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7. Divided into spheres of influence by foreign powers, China in the 19th century presented a sorry spectacle. How did China react to it?

8. "Corporate State" was Mussolini's answer to socio-political problems of his country. Elucidate.

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