Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1997

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) The British conquered India "in a fit of absent-mindedness".

(b) The Permanent Settlement was a "bold, brave and wise measure."

(c) Curzon's partition of Bengal gave the unwitting initiative to events of magnitude and returned many years later to port with the cargo of freedom.

(d) India broke her British fetters with western hammers.

2. The 19th century Indian renaissance was both an acceptance and rejection of western values. Do you agree?

3. Tribal movements should be viewed as "History from below". Discuss the objects and nature of the movements in 19th century India.

4. Account for the rise and growth of leftism in the Congress movement. What impact did it have on contemporary Indian politics?

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) "The Peace of Westphalia ended the reign of theology over the European mind and left the road obstructed but passable for the tentative of reason."

(b) "If monarchical misrule ignited the French revolution, lofty ideas both inspired and sustained it."

(c) "The Bill of Rights (1688) set the seal on Parliamentary supremacy in England."

(d) "The unification of Italy completed … the destruction of the European order."

6. Isolation of France constituted the keystone of Bismarck's foreign policy. Elucidate.

7. President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal "had the wit to start the political economy in a fresh, more promising direction". Do you agree?

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8. Trace the growth of militarism in Japan in the inter-war years. What international reaction did it provoke?

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