Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1998

HISTORY

(Paper I)

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. Mark any fifteen of the following places on the map supplied to you and write brief descriptive notes on the places marked by you on the map:

(i) Aihole
(ii) Amaravati
(iii) Besnagar
(iv) Bhagawanpura
(v) Bhrigukachchha
(vi) Dholavira
(vii) Daimabad
(viii) Girinagara
(ix) Inamgaon
(x) Kalinganagar
(xi) Kanheri
(xii) Karle
(xiii) Kausambi
(xiv) Kayatha
(xv) Kili-Ghul Mohammad
(xvi) Kot Diji
(xvii) Kushinagar
(xviii) Mamallapuram
(xix) Maski
(xx) Mehargarh
(xxi) Prayag
(xxii) Pushkalavati
(xxiii) Sarnath
(xxiv) Srughna
(xxv) Surapara
(xxvi) Tekkalakotta
(xxvii) Topra
(xxviii) Ujjayini
(xxix) Uraiyur
(xxx) Valabhi

2. Give a brief account of the social and economic conditions of the Later Vedic Aryans. What role did iron play in changing their political and economic life?

3. Furnish a critical and comparative account of various schools of art in the Post-Mauryan period (c. 200 B.C. – c. 300 A.D.).

4. Highlight the achievements of the Gupta period in the field of literature, science and technology.

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short essays of not more than 200 words each on any three of the following topics:

(a) Social structure of the Rajputs

(b) Al-Biruni's India

(c) Nurjahan

(d) Third Battle of Panipat

6. Critically evaluate the achievements of the Cholas.

7. Throw light on the Land Revenue System of Sultanate period.

8. Trace the development of art and architecture under the Mughals and point out mingling of Hindu elements in them.

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