Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1999

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 15 of the following on the map supplied to you and write short descriptive notes on the places plotted by you on map:

(i) Ambek
(ii) Kanyakubj
(iii) Kishkindha
(iv) Kundalvan
(v) Khajuraho
(vi) Gihlot
(vii) Gokul
(viii) Chidambaram
(ix) Jahazpur
(x) Jaisalmer
(xi) Takshila
(xii) Dwarka
(xiii) Jalalabad
(xiv) Nalanda
(xv) Panchwati
(xvi) Pataliputra
(xvii) Fatehpur Sikri
(xviii) Badrinath
(xix) Behmanabad
(xx) Balbrahmeshwar
(xxi) Bijapur
(xxii) Burhanpur
(xxiii) Bairat
(xxiv) Bhadrawati
(xxv) Bheetargaon
(xxvi) Warangel
(xxvii) Vilaspur
(xxviii) Shatrunjai
(xxix) Sripur
(xxx) Kargil

2. Discuss salient features of the Indus Valley Civilization. Mention important places from where relics of civilization have been recovered so far. Examine causes of its decline.

3. 'Harshvardhan was himself great, but he has been made greater by Ban and Yuan Chiang.' Critically examine the statement.

4. Examine sources of information for Mauryan dynasty. Throw light on historical significance of Ashoka's inscriptions.

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SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Alauddin Khilji was a typical despot

(b) Sher Shah combined in himself qualities of lion and fox

(c) Rana Pratap's patriotism was his only offence

(d) Spanish ulcer ruined Napoleon Bonaparte, the Deccan ulcer ruined Aurangzeb

6. Critically evaluate the contribution of Rashtrakutas to art and culture.

7. Examine circumstances leading to rise of Shivaji. Throw light on his legacy.

8. Trace influence of Islam on Indian culture and civilization.

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