Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1999

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) After 1757 there grew up a State of Bengal which was a "sponsored state" as well as a "plundered state".

(b) The British Indian State experienced the 'wind of change' with the arrival of Lord William Bentinck.

(c) The Christian Missionary propaganda from 1813 onwards was "often insensitive and wounding".

(d) The Indian Middle Class firmly believed that "Britain had imposed a colonial economy on India which had impoverished the country."

2. Do you believe that the uprising in 1857 was nationalist in nature? If not, what was its character?

3. Trace the origin and growth of the Indian Muslim League.

4. "Gandhi's mystique consisted of a union of original ideas with a remarkable flair for tactics and an uncanny insight into the mass mind." Elucidate.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Portugal and Spain, the pioneers in world exploration, were also first in the race to conquer overseas countries

(b) To some extent, the American War of Independence inspired the French Revolution

(c) The political unification of Germany was accomplished solely by Bismarck

(d) With the proclamation in Nanking of a Chinese Republic with Sun-Yat-Sen as the President in 1911, "the old China wilted rapidly."

6. Trace the rise and growth of the New European Society in the inter-war period.

7. "Stalinist Russia was a despotic regime." Critically examine this view.

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8. In the post-Second World War scenario friends in war did not remain friends in peace. Examine the truth of this view in the period of your study.

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