Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2000

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 short descriptive notes on the places marked by you on the map:

(i) Aizawl
(ii) Amritsar
(iii) Arikamedu
(iv) Bangalore
(v) Bharukachha
(vi) Bhaja
(vii) Gangotri
(viii) Itanagar
(ix) Jaugada
(x) Jhansi
(xi) Kalsi
(xii) Kanchivaram
(xiii) Kanheri
(xiv) Kumrahar
(xv) Konarak
(xvi) Mathura
(xvii) Madurai
(xviii) Nalanda
(xix) Nasik
(xx) Palitana
(xxi) Rajagriha
(xxii) Sasan Gir
(xxiii) Shrinagar
(xxiv) Udayagiri-Khandagiri
(xxv) Uchh
(xxvi) Ujjain
(xxvii) Valabhi
(xxviii) Vidisha
(xxix) Vaishali
(xxx) Vatapi

2. How did Ashoka contribute to the moral and administrative welfare of his people?

3. Who were the Maukharis? Discuss their political relations with the Later Guptas of Magadha.

4. Give an account of the struggle for supremacy in South India between the Chalukyas of Badami and the Pallavas.

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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) Architecture of the Vijayanagara empire.

(b) Amir Khusro was an eminent poet not a historian.

(c) During the reign of Jahangir Mughal painting reached its zenith.

(d) The Sufi Movement and its role in promoting communal harmony.

6. Were the Chola village assemblies democratic in nature? Give reasons for your answer.

7. Form an estimate of the personality of Firoz Shah Tughlaq with special reference to his religious policy and public works.

8. Describe the Rajput policy of the Mughal emperors. Do you agree with the view that the reversal of Akbar's Rajput policy by Aurangzeb was responsible for the disintegration of the Mughal empire?

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