Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2000

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 battle of Plassey was "not a great battle but a great betrayal."

(b) Towards the Princes, Canning adopted a policy of "punishing resistance and rewarding obedience."

(c) Sir Charles Napier said, "We have no right to seize Sind, yet we shall do so, and a very advantageous, useful, humane piece of rascality it will be."

(d) The 1921 Moplah rebellion was "in essence an expression of long-standing agrarian discontent which was intensified by the religious and ethnic identity."

2. Discuss the view that the British rule brought about economic changes in India to serve the needs of the imperial economy and establish a dependent form of underdevelopment in this country.

3. Discuss the important social reform legislation passed in the 19th century and elucidate the reaction of Indian leaders to the measures adopted.

4. To what extent was the emergence of the Congress in 1885 the culmination of a process of political awakening that had its beginning in the 1870s?

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) "Of all forms assumed by the Protestant Reformation, Calvinism has been the most far-reaching in its scope and the most profound in its influence."

(b) "The Crimean War was the most useless war ever waged."

(c) "Until December 1941 the battlefield of the Second World War was exclusively European and Atlantic; thereafter it became also Asiatic and Pacific."

(d) "The simultaneous expansion of European powers overseas during the last quarter of the 19th century brought them into frequent collisions at remote points all over Africa and Asia."

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6. How did Napoleon Bonaparte heal the wounds of France inflicted by the Revolution and correct the errors perpetrated by its leaders?

7. To what extent did the Western powers bring China under their domination without annexation?

8. Analyze the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles of 1919 and examine the validity of Germany's objections to the treaty.

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