Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2001

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 plotted by you on the map:

(i) Ajmer
(ii) Ahmednagar
(iii) Allahabad
(iv) Badami
(v) Bhubaneshwar
(vi) Chitrakuta
(vii) Chittor
(viii) Chandigarh
(ix) Dehradun
(x) Dhara
(xi) Elephanta
(xii) Ellora
(xiii) Guwahati
(xiv) Hyderabad
(xv) Harappa
(xvi) Indraprastha
(xvii) Jagannathpuri
(xviii) Kalyan
(xix) Kaveripattanam
(xx) Lothal

2. Analyse the causes of the success of the Magadhan imperialism upto the reign of Ashoka the Great.

3. Did the triangular conflict between the Rashtrakutas, Gurjara Pratiharas and Palas create a political vacuum in northern India which facilitated the invasions of Mahmud of Ghazni?

4. "The inferior cavalry of the Rajputs was not the only cause of their defeat at the hands of Turko-Afghans and Mughals." Comment.

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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) The Vedanta of Sankaracharya

(b) Hemu Vikramaditya

(c) The zenith of Mughal architecture under Shahjehan

(d) Savai Jai Singh, the astronomer

6. Assess the impact of the market reforms of Alauddin Khilji on contemporary economy and society.

7. Evaluate the impact of the Sufi and Bhakti Movements on vernacular languages and life and thought of the common people.

8. Were the Marathas restricted by their geopolitical limitations from becoming the paramount power of India?

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