Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2001

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) 'Dalhousie changed the map of India with speed and thoroughness no campaign could equal.'

(b) 'The tribal and peasant rebellion laid the foundation of the revolt of 1857'.

(c) 'The British industrial policy in the nineteenth century ruined the Indian handicrafts'.

(d) The Quit India Movement was a spontaneous revolt of the people against British rule.

2. Discuss the main features of the 'Raiyatwari Settlement' in South India. Did it satisfy the aspirations of the peasantry?

3. Examine the economic and social factors which led to the rise of Indian nationalism in the second half of the nineteenth century.

4. Jawaharlal Nehru was the architect of India's policy of non-alignment. In the light of this statement discuss India's relations with the two 'Power Blocks' between 1947–1964.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) 'Marxian Communism is primarily the offspring of German Hegelianism and French Socialism.'

(b) "Bismarck created a new Germany with the policy of 'blood and iron'".

(c) 'There was not only a difference of principles at Paris (Peace Conference) but a clash of personalities'.

(d) 'The decolonization led to the break-up of empires.'

6. 'The Napoleonic Empire was doomed because of its inherent and self-defeating contradictions'. Elucidate.

7. Trace the various stages of European imperialism in Africa in the nineteenth century.

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8. Discuss the aims of the establishment of the Arab League and assess its role in safeguarding the interests of the Arab nations.

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