Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2003

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 places plotted by you on the map:

(i) Kot Digi
(ii) Banamali
(iii) Tiruchirapalli
(iv) Tamralipti
(v) Vaisali
(vi) Kundagrama
(vii) Puri
(viii) Ujjain
(ix) Badami
(x) Guggara
(xi) Sarnath
(xii) Amaravati
(xiii) Janguda
(xiv) Kolhapur
(xv) Nagarjunkonda
(xvi) Calicut
(xvii) Haldighati
(xviii) Golconda
(xix) Somnath
(xx) Mathura

2. Assess the pattern of settlement, economy, social organization and religion of India during c. 2000 to 500 BC from archaeological evidences.

3. "The Sixth century B.C. was a period of religious and economic unrest in India." Comment.

4. Examine the information of Fahien about the political, religious, social and economic conditions of India. Make a comparative study of his account with that of Yuan Chwang.

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short essays in not more than 200 words each on any three of the following:

(a) Kalhan as a historian

(b) Experiments of Mohammad Tughluq

(c) Sufi Movements

(d) Chauth and Sardeshmukhi

6. Attempt a critical essay on the Indian Science and Civilization in the light of Alberuni's writings. What merits and drawbacks, do you find in his account?

7. What impact did Kabir and Nanak leave on Indian Society and Culture?

8. 'Akbar built the Moghul Empire by enlisting the support of the Rajputs, Aurangzeb destroyed it by alienating the Rajputs.' Do you agree?

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