Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2003

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) 'Absentee landlordism was a consequential feature of Bengal's Permanent land settlement.'

(b) 'India underwent suffering and mortality in the wake of recurring famines' in the later half of the 19th century.

(c) 'In the summer of 1942 Gandhi was in a strange and uniquely militant mood'.

(d) 'Rabindranath Tagore's nationalism was based on a Catholic internationalism.'

2. What was the impact of early British land policy on the 'village communities' of North India?

3. Trace the factors which led to a split in the Indian National Congress in 1907. What was its impact on the course of the nationalist movement?

4. Examine the causes of the rise and progress of revolutionary movements in India from 1905 to 1931.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) 'The French Revolution attacked privileges and not property'.

(b) 'The roots of the rise of Fascism lay in Peace Treaties.'

(c) 'The Security Council is the heart of the United Nations'.

(d) "The Brussels Treaty of 17 March, 1948 paved the way for the formation of NATO."

6. Bismarck united Germany not by majority of votes and speeches but by a policy of "Blood and iron". In the light of this statement assess the contribution of Bismarck to the unification of Germany.

7. Examine the causes of the Russian Revolution of 1917 and indicate its significance in world history.

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8. Analyse the factors leading to the end of the Cold war and account for the U.S. ascendancy in the world.

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