Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

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) Achichhatra
(ii) Amaravati
(iii) Bhimbaitka
(iv) Champa
(v) Kalibangan
(vi) Kanauj
(vii) Kapilvastu
(viii) Karle
(ix) Mahabalipuram
(x) Mathura
(xi) Mehrgarh
(xii) Paithan
(xiii) Pataliputra
(xiv) Sarnath
(xv) Siddapura
(xvi) Somnath
(xvii) Tamralipti
(xviii) Taxila
(xix) Tripuri
(xx) Udaigiri

2. Describe the social life of the later Vedic people. How was it different from the Rig-Vedic life?

3. Explain the social aspects of Buddhism and account for its decline in India.

4. Give an account of the rise of the Chalukyas of Vatapi and their struggle with other rulers. Write a note on their patronage of arts.

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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 'Corps of Forty' and its relations with the Sultans.

(b) The Token Currency System introduced by Muhammad Tughlaq

(c) Was Din-i-Ilahi 'a monument of Akbar's folly'?

(d) The system of the collection of Chauth and Sardeshmukhi by the Maratha rulers.

6. The Cholas are said to have established a strong and well organized administration with an element of self-government at the local level. Do you agree? Give reasons.

7. Discuss the growth of the Nirguna School of Bhakti Movement emphasising the contribution of Kabir and Nanak to it.

8. In what ways were Aurangzeb's Rajput and religious policies different from those of his predecessors? What were the consequences of the changes made by him?

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