Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2004

# HISTORY
## (Paper II)

| *Time Allowed : Three Hours* | *Maximum Marks : 300* |
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**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.

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## SECTION 'A'

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

(a) "The Treaty of Salbai (1782) was neither honorable to the English nor advantageous to their interests."

(b) 'The object of the Act (Regulating) was good, but system that it established was imperfect.'

(c) 'Permanent Settlement disappointed many expectations and introduced the results that were not anticipated.'

(d) 'We are therefore unable to advise the British Government that the power which at present resides in British hands should be handed over to two entirely separate sovereign States.'

**2.** Discuss the causes that led to the 'economic drain' in Bengal following the Battle of Plassey.

**3.** Examine the impact of British rule on Indian Society in the 19th Century.

**4.** Analyse Indian foreign policy of Non-alignment between 1947 and 1964.

## SECTION 'B'

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

(a) 'Rousseau's political philosophy contains the seeds of Socialism, Absolutism and Democracy.'

(b) 'Napoleon was the child of the Revolution, but in many ways he reversed the aims and principles of the movement from which he sprang'.

(c) 'To Bismarck the conclusion of the Treaty of May 20, 1882, was the culmination of this system.'

(d) 'The most important single factor … in the years following 1919 was the French demand for security.'

**6.** Review the background of the Chartist Movement. Despite its failure how had their demands been met in the succeeding years?

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**7.** What were the weaknesses and difficulties of the Weimar Republic? How did Hitler succeed in establishing his dictatorship?

**8.** Analyse the factors for the collapse of Soviet Communism and Soviet Union during 1985–1991.

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