Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2006

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) Konark
(ii) Taxila
(iii) Talikota
(iv) Somnath
(v) Kalinjar
(vi) Mandu
(vii) Murshidabad
(viii) Nalanda
(ix) Tanjore
(x) Amber
(xi) Anegondi
(xii) Chanderi
(xiii) Arikmedu
(xiv) Kalibangan
(xv) Nagarjunakonda
(xvi) Eran
(xvii) Kausambi
(xviii) Pattadakal
(xix) Halebid
(xx) Dvarsamudra

2. Discuss the changing approaches to the study of early Indian History.

3. Describe the expansion of the Gupta empire under Samudragupta.

4. Discuss the major stages in the evolution of architecture during the ancient period.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) The Khilji Revolution

(b) Sufism in North India

(c) Religious Tolerance of Akbar

(d) Dara Shukoh

6. Bring out the main features of the administrative system under Delhi Sultanate during Turko-Afghan period.

7. Write a short essay on the development of literature during the Mughal period.

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8. Examine the factors which were responsible for opening and development of European trade in India during the 16th and 17th centuries.

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