Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2006

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) "Neither Alexander the Great nor Napoleon could have won the empire of India by starting from Pondicherry as a base and contending with a power which held Bengal and the command of the Sea."

(b) "A self-sufficient village, based on agriculture carried on with the primitive plough and bullock-power, and handicrafts by means of simple instruments, was a basic feature of Pre-British Indian economy."

(c) "So long as the millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them."

(d) "I felt that if we did not accept partition, India would be split into many bits and would be completely ruined."

2. Examine the circumstances which led to the Third Mysore War. Could Cornwallis have avoided it?

3. What do you mean by the commercialization of Indian agriculture? Discuss its results.

4. Account for the emergence of the left-wing within the Congress. How far did it influence the programme and Policy of the Congress?

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) "No taxation without representation."

(b) "Colonies are like fruits which cling to the tree only till they ripen."

(c) "Treaty of Versailles contained the seeds of future conflict".

(d) "A clever conqueror will always impose his demands on the conquered by instalments."

6. "The Renaissance scholars laid the eggs which Luther, the father of the Reformation, later on hatched." Discuss.

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7. Critically analyse the causes and results of the Chinese Revolution of 1949.

8. Give a brief account of the struggle against ‘Apartheid’ in South Africa.

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