Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2007

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) "The Revolt of 1857 seemed to call the very presence of the British into question. What it did not do was reverse these changes".

(b) "Of the evils which corroded Indian society in the nineteenth century were probably those which stunted its womanhood."

(c) "At Karachi in 1931, the Congress defined what Swaraj would mean for the masses".

(d) "There is no other instance in the history of mankind of a poet and philosopher working such a miracle in shaping the destiny of his people" (A Tribute to M. Iqbal)

2. Examine the major factors shaping the British land-revenue policy in India. How it affected Indian society?

3. Explain the circumstances leading to the alliance between the Khilafat and Non-Cooperation Movements. Was it a politically wise step on the part of the Congress?

4. "With great skill and masterful diplomacy and using both persuasion and pressure, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel succeeded in integrating the hundreds of princely states with the Indian Union." Discuss.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) "No event as encompassing as the French Revolution occurs in an intellectual vacuum."

(b) "New imperialism was a nationalistic, not an economic phenomena."

(c) "The War's (First World War's) most permanent contribution to the spirit of the post-War years was disillusion."

(d) "NATO in many ways symbolized the key role that the United States had come to play in Europe"

6. Give reasons for the origin of the Renaissance in Italy.

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7. Discuss the main characteristics of Fascism.

8. “By the 1980s, the Communist system of the Soviet Union was incapable of maintaining the country’s role as a Superpower.” Explain this statement.

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