Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2008

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) "Sprung from paternalism, the English Utilitarian philosophy as introduced in India rejected its human warmth between rulers and the ruled."

(b) "The vernacular press in the nineteenth century was both newspaper as well as 'views-papers' that enlightened the dormant masses."

(c) "Is moral law, the law of conscience, higher than the law of the state which is oppressive?" (Mahatma Gandhi, 1922)

(d) "In exercising its exclusive power the Parliament additionally enacted the Untouchability (Offences) Act in 1955."

2. Critically examine the impact of the famine policy on rural India. Describe the official remedial measures undertaken.

3. Write a critique on the impact of the Drain Theory of Dadabhai Nauroji in the growth of economic nationalism.

4. Describe the changing nature of revolutionary activities in India between 1905–1946.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) "France was more fertile than Britain in producing new Socialist theories and movements, though they bore less concrete results in France than in Britain."

(b) "Most of the European Revolutions of 1848 were nationalist as well as popular insurrections against foreign rule and repressive policy of Metternich."

(c) "In the long run, the Locarno Treaty (December 1925) was destructive both of the Treaty of Versailles and of the Covenant."

(d) "After World War II, the strategy of the West towards Soviet bloc crystallized as a 'policy of containment'."

6. "The Enlightenment represented alternative approaches to modernity, alternative habits of mind and heart, of conscience and sensibility." Discuss.

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7. Account for the factors that brought about the end of the Cold War.

8. Assess the significance of the political developments that took place in Eastern Europe during 1989–2001.

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