Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1995

GEOGRAPHY

(Paper I)

Time Allowed : Three Hours	*Maximum Marks : 300*

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

Candidates should attempt Questions **1** and **2**, which are compulsory, and any **THREE** of the remaining questions, selecting at least **ONE** question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

COMPULSORY QUESTIONS

1. On the map of India provided, mark the following and write in not more than ten words in your answer-book what you consider to be the most significant aspect of each one of them:

(a) Kolleru lake
(b) Maikal range
(c) Palghat
(d) Darjeeling
(e) Ellora
(f) Rann of Kachchh
(g) January Isotherm of 20°C
(h) Ghaghara River
(i) Bokaro
(j) Corbett Park

OR

On the map of the world provided, mark the following and write in not more than ten words in your answer-book what you consider to be the most significant aspect of each one of them:

(k) Danube river
(l) Leipzig
(m) Sierra Nevada
(n) Washington D.C.
(o) Red Sea
(p) Canadian National Railway
(q) Ashkhabad
(r) Ulan Bator
(s) Port Said
(t) Pampas

2. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should be in about 200 words):

(a) Natural Hazards

(b) Inversion of temperature

(c) Food from the sea

(d) Dryland farming

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SECTION 'A'

3. Discuss the limitations of the theory of Continental Drift and show how the theory of Plate Tectonics is an improvement over it.

4. Explain the life-cycle of a temperate cyclone and also describe the weather associated with it.

5. 'Man must realize the importance of maximizing agricultural production without destroying the ecological basis on which our entire food production systems rests.' Explain with examples.

SECTION 'B'

6. Discuss the contributions of Al Biruni towards the development of geographical knowledge.

7. Examine the theories about population control and explain the relative merits of these theories in limiting population growth.

8. Explain and illustrate the models of internal structure of cities as proposed by Burgess and Hoyt. Mention also the limitations of these models.

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