Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1995

GEOGRAPHY

(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. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:

(a) Explain the factors responsible for uneven distribution of rainfall in India.

(b) Examine the origin and characteristics of the soils of the North Indian Plain.

(c) Discuss the problems of tribal areas in India.

(d) Elucidate the measures taken to limit the growth of population in India.

2. Draw a sketch-map in your answer book to delineate the main physiographic regions of India and provide a reasoned account of the relief and structure of the Himalayan region.

3. Examine the fossil fuel resources of India with particular reference to the present and future demands for energy.

4. Discuss the role of infrastructural, scientific and technological development in the recent transformation of Indian agriculture.

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes in about 200 words each on any three of the following:

(a) Recent changes in India's basic industrial policy.

(b) Role of rural market centres in promoting intra and inter-regional trade.

(c) Land-use characteristics of the rural urban fringe in India.

(d) Importance of India in the geopolitics of the Indian Ocean realm.

6. Examine critically the factors for the localization of iron and steel industry in India with special reference to the newer centres of steel production.

7. Explain, with the help of suitable examples and illustrations, the distribution of various patterns of rural settlements in India.

8. Give the hierarchy of planning regions and bring out the role of metropolitan planning in fostering regional development in India.

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