Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1996

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) Malwa Plateau
(b) Pamban Island
(c) Zaskar Range
(d) The Godavari
(e) Koyana Project
(f) Gold mines of India
(g) Ranthambore
(h) Barauni
(i) Nanda Devi biosphere
(j) Rourkela

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) Caribbean Sea
(l) Atlas Mountain
(m) River Rio Grande
(n) Titicaca
(o) Paris
(p) Canaries Current
(q) Ouagadougou
(r) Verkhoyansk
(s) Mauritius
(t) Melbourne

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

(a) Growth of population and food resources of the world

(b) Desertification and its preventive measures

(c) Globalization of trade and industry

(d) Man and the Amazon rainforest

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SECTION 'A'

3. Discuss the processes of mechanical and chemical weathering and show their relationship with soil formation.

4. Examine critically the drawbacks of Koppen's Classification of climates. Explain how Thornthwaite attempted to overcome Koppen's limitations.

5. Explain and illustrate the ocean floor topography and give a detailed account of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

SECTION 'B'

6. "The emergence of Behavioural Geography was due to the disillusionment with axioms on which models were based and the axioms were far removed from reality." Comment.

7. Examine the bases of classification of agricultural regions as proposed by Whittlesey and explain the causes for the essential difference between intensive subsistence tillage with rice dominant and without rice in the crop association.

8. Without the Mediterranean Europe could not be held, without the Middle East the Mediterranean could not be held. Discuss.

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