Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1996

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) Examine the origin and characteristics of the antecedent drainage system of the Himalayas.

(b) Explain the criteria used in the identification of drought-prone areas in India.

(c) Discuss the distribution and characteristics of the evergreen forest in India.

(d) Elucidate the genesis of ethnic and cultural diversities in India.

2. Draw a sketch-map in your answer book to delineate the main climatic regions of India and discuss the important climatic characteristics of each region.

3. Critically examine the metalliferous mineral resources of India with particular reference to their present and future demands.

4. Discuss the importance of irrigation in Indian Agriculture and describe the methods of irrigation practised in either the Ganga Valley or the Karnataka-Maharashtra region.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Geographical impediments in the development of inland waterways in India.

(b) Factors for the growth of slums in the metropolitan cities of India.

(c) Magnitude of regional imbalances in economic development in India.

(d) Geographical basis of the Indian Federation.

6. Analyse the factors for the localization of either the cotton textile or the sugar industry in India and note the recent trends in the industry.

7. Name the million cities of India according to the 1991 census and critically examine the factors for unprecedented growth in their population in the last 50 years.

8. Explain the salient features of the tribal development programme with particular reference to either Dandakaranya or Chotanagpur.

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