Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1997

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 outline 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) Mettur Dam
(b) Kaziranga Park
(c) Loktak Lake
(d) Puri
(e) Vindhyan Mountains
(f) Mahanadi
(g) Itanagar
(h) Haldia
(i) Sunderbans
(j) Khetri copper mines

OR

On the world map 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) Lake Erie
(l) Black Forest
(m) New York
(n) Jamaica
(o) Falkland Island
(p) Winnipeg
(q) Lake Mansarovar
(r) Tigris River
(s) Sharjah
(t) Areas of Mediterranean climate in Africa

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

(a) Buffer zone
(b) Marine resources, biotic, mineral and energy resources.
(c) Weathering and soil formation
(d) Rural-urban fringe

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SECTION 'A'

3. Discuss the concept of polycyclic landforms and present an analytical study of the polycyclic landforms of a selected region.

4. Define air masses. How do they originate? Classify them and state the characteristics of any one type.

5. Examine critically the theories of the formation of coral reefs and atolls.

SECTION 'B'

6. "Water is a scarce resource in plenty." Comment and discuss its importance in the balanced habitat development. Support your answer with examples from Asia.

7. Critically examine Alfred Weber's Theory of the Location of Industries.

8. Critically examine the concept of dualism with special reference to physical versus human geography.

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