Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1997

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) Discuss the origin and main geomorphic feature of Thar Desert of India.

(b) Examine the significance of social forestry in the rural economy of India.

(c) Examine the genesis of racial diversity in India.

(d) Discuss the impact of green revolution on the agricultural production in India.

2. Critically examine the factors affecting the distributional pattern of population in India.

3. Evaluate the nature of ecological problem in India and suggest measures for their management.

4. Divide Peninsular India into agricultural regions. Explain the basis of such a regionalisation.

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Analyse the locational pattern of cement industry in India.

(b) Examine the census concept of urban areas in India.

(c) Discuss the nature of commodity flows in India.

(d) Evaluate the benefits of Block Level development planning in India.

6. Critically examine the locational pattern and trend of production of forest based industries in India.

7. Draw a sketch map of India showing major river basins. Examine the feasibility of the concept of river basins as a planning unit.

8. Explain the basis and consequences of the establishment and implementation of recommendations of the State Re-organisation Commission in India since 1950s.

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