Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2001

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.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION 'A'

1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the geographical significance of each entry. 60

(a) Harishchandra Range
(b) Bhima river
(c) Semi-arid climatic zone
(d) Manas National Park
(e) Anai Mudi
(f) Sambhar lake
(g) Digboi oilfield
(h) Baghelkhand
(i) National Highway No. 8
(j) Anjar
(k) Red and Yellow soil areas
(l) Minicoy island

2. Discuss the relief features of Indian Northern Plains. 60

3. Examine the geographical basis of agro-climatic planning regions of India. 60

4. Describe the growth, characteristics and distribution pattern of India's industrial regions. 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Elucidate the sex and age structure of the population of India.

(b) Give a brief account of the second-order regions of India's Peninsular Plateau.

(c) Explain the sequence of vegetation zones of the Himalayas.

(d) Provide the geographical background and characteristics of the distribution of Hill Stations of India.

6. Discuss the geopolitical importance of India's Land Boundaries. 60

7. Explain the concept of watershed and its utility in land management. 60

8. Explain the geographical characteristics of the regional distribution of earthquakes in India. 60

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