Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2008

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 40 words each) on the significant aspects of the same ten entries. 60

(a) Butcher Island
(b) Gopalpur Beach
(c) Lavasa
(d) Gandhisagar
(e) Nam Dapha
(f) Pampore
(g) Mount Harriet
(h) Barail Ranges
(i) Palitana
(j) NIO
(k) Baltal
(l) Pindari

2. Distinguish between the Himalayan and the peninsular drainage system. 60

3. Discuss the bases of identifying agro climate zones and explain the core strategies for agricultural development. 60

4. Explain the factors promoting the rapid growth and development of the automobile industry in India, giving suitable example. 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Suggest appropriate energy policy for minimizing energy crisis in India.

(b) Describe and explain the spatial patterns of literacy in India.

(c) Assess the geographical significance of Indian Ocean.

(d) Explain the concept of sustainable development and examine its relevance.

6. 'Unplanned urban development has created numerous problems.' Comment. 60

7. Critically examine the bases of state reorganization in India since Independence. 60

8. Discuss the problems and Prospects of development of catchment and command areas. 60

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