Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2009

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 :

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. Answer the following in about 200 words each:

(a) Highlight the geomorphic features essentially found in topographies under the second cycle of Erosion. 20

(b) Give a brief account of principal land biomes and their latitudinal distribution. 20

(c) Discuss views on slope development provided by L.C. King. 20

2. Answer the following questions:

(a) Identify each feature that is indicated by the numerals i to x on the world Map provided. Identification of the feature carries 2 marks each. 20

(b) Mention the location of each feature in respect of + (−) GMT. This carries 1 mark each. 10

(c) Provide a write-up on the significance of the identified feature in approximately 40 words; this carries 3 marks each. 30

3. Answer the following questions:

(a) Examine economic significance of the resources of the Continental Shelf of the Indian Ocean. 30

(b) Comment on marine heat budget and the oceanic Circulation system. 30

4. Answer the following questions:

(a) Explain factors contributing to the global climate change. 20

(b) Discuss the consequences of Climate Change on agriculture and food security, and on the Coastal Zones of the world. 20

(c) How does Climate change affect urban areas? 20

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SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Weight Triangle

(b) 'Limit to Growth' Model

(c) Tropical atmospheric instability

(d) Zonal and Azonal soils

6. Answer the following questions:

(a) Provide a geographical account of global production and distribution of food. 30

(b) 'Quantitative Revolution and model building provided an empirical basis for geographical research.' Elaborate. 30

7. Elaborate the concept of Megalopolis and discuss the characteristics and problems related to two such regions selecting one each from North America and Europe. 60

8. Answer the following questions:

(a) Provide a broad classification of world cultural regions. 30

(b) Highlight the significance of environmental issues in Regional Planning. 30

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