Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2009

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. On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of any fifteen of the following for which 1 (one) mark is given to each correct entry. Write in your answer script the significant geographical relevance or strategic importance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural in not more than 30 words for each entry. 3 (three) marks are allotted for each write up. 60

(a) Akarimota
(b) Kolleru Lake
(c) Van Tivu
(d) Silent Valley
(e) Amaravati River
(f) Pirotan Island
(g) Mangla
(h) Meghnagar
(i) Shipki La
(j) Bhachau
(k) The Home of Sundari tree
(l) Place of origin of River Narmada
(m) Gokak
(n) Ken River
(o) Bailadila
(p) Bhavani Sagar Dam
(q) Kutralam Falls
(r) Dalma Hills
(s) Rangit River
(t) Dhanjori Hills

2. Answer the following questions:

(a) Discuss the formation and their distribution of the major soil types of India. 30

(b) Give reasons as to why rainfall variability is a characteristic feature of India's monsoons. 30

3. Distinguish between the West and East coasts of India in terms of their evolution, present topography and drainage pattern. 60

4. Examine the role of raw materials in the location of the Iron and Steel Industry in India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. 60

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SECTION 'B'

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

(a) What is the role of the Triple Transport System in the regional development of India?

(b) Explain the factors responsible for the distribution of Sugar Industry in India.

(c) State the geographical factors which influence rural house types in India.

(d) Giving reasons, identify the chronic drought prone areas of India.

6. What are the cause and consequences of environmental degradation in India's industrial areas? Give specific examples. 60

7. There is no sharp divide where an urban settlement stops and rural areas begin. Analyze the statement with reference to the sprawl of Indian cities. 60

8. Answer the following questions:

(a) How do the 'push' and 'pull' factors operate for the emergence of slums in the metropolises of India? 30

(b) Discuss the impact of globalisation of India's industry and agriculture sectors. 30

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