Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2010

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 ALL 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) Narcondam
(b) Kavvayi
(c) Krishnapatnam
(d) Shadnagar
(e) Gahirmatha
(f) Point Calimere
(g) Jaitapur
(h) Parichha
(i) Saltoro Kangri
(j) Shencottah Gap
(k) Banas River
(l) Phalgu River
(m) Sirpur
(n) Sanand
(o) Drass

2. Explain Himalayan Orogeny and illustrate how the process has affected the geomorphic characteristics of Macro divisions of Himalayas. 60

3. (a) Discuss the spatial distribution of Natural Vegetation in India with the help of a sketched map. 30

(b) Examine the problems and prospects of agro-based industries in Bihar. 30

4. (a) Discuss the emerging pattern of surface water utilisation in India. 30

(b) Assess as to how surface water utilisation affects food production and food security in the country. 30

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write about the following in about 250 words each: 15×4=60

(a) Role of physiography in cross border terrorism

(b) Offshore oilfields and coastal ecology

(c) Spatial pattern of soil erosion in India

(d) Ethnic diversity of North-eastern States

6. (a) Define an 'Epidemic' and discuss the occurrence of 'Chikungunya' in India. 30

(b) Identify the regions affected by Chikungunya with the help of a sketched map and bring out the regional pattern of the disease. 30

7. (a) Outline the role of Class II and Class III towns in the urban process of India and indicate their contribution towards balanced urban development. 30

(b) How does the formation of a National Park help ecological restoration and conservation? Explain with suitable examples. 30

8. (a) Explain how Demographic Transition created Demographic Divide in Contemporary India. 30

(b) What is Regionalism? Discuss how regionalism affects the developmental process with suitable examples. 30

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