Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2012

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 one (1) 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. Three (3) marks are allotted for each write-up. 60

(a) Manas
(b) Bhachau
(c) Ganga river waterway from Allahabad
(d) Indravati river
(e) Amravati river
(f) Pir Panjal range
(g) Narkondam Island
(h) Kharkai river
(i) Kalahandi
(j) Kakarapara
(k) Murshidabad
(l) Khetri
(m) Pawapuri
(n) Kolhan highland
(o) North Koel river

2. (a) Explain the structural characteristics of the Deccan plateau. 30

(b) Discuss the role of spatial pattern of rainfall and temperature in the delimitation of climatic regions of India, specially with reference to Stamp's climatic regionalization. 30

3. (a) Delineate the mineral belts of India and mention their distinctive features. 30

(b) Divide India into agricultural regions and critically examine the role of ecological and human factors responsible for transformation of agricultural economy in any one region. 30

4. Write about the following in about 200 words each:

(a) Describe the development of textile industry in India. 20

(b) Examine the role of road transport in regional development taking suitable examples from an area you have studied in detail. 20

(c) Identify the spatial pattern of agro-industrial regions of India. Analyse the potentiality of Malwa as an important agro-industrial region of the future. 20

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write about the following in about 150 words each: 12×5=60

(a) Factors affecting innovation diffusion.

(b) Linguistic diversity in North-eastern states.

(c) Geographical reasons for the variation in literacy from state to state in India.

(d) Identify Tsunami affected areas and give their management problems in India.

(e) Morphological characteristics of villages situated in hilly regions.

6. (a) Evaluate the population policy of India and examine its relevance to the nation's population control. 30

(b) Give an account of geographical conditions responsible for the development of different types of rural settlements in India. 30

7. (a) Examine the origin, dimensions and implications of the Sino-Indian border dispute. 30

(b) Explain the causes, impact and remedial measures of flood-hazards in the middle Ganga plain. Represent the flood-affected areas of middle Ganga plain on a sketch map in your answer-book. 30

8. Write about the following in about 200 words each:

(a) Examine the relevance of linkage of rivers in India with special reference to Ganga-Cauveri linkage canal. 20

(b) How age structure affects dependency ratio? Explain with suitable examples. 20

(c) Elucidate the role of Tribal Development Blocks in the development of Tribal areas. 20

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