

2021

ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-B(2)-2

(Issues in Development Economics)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer *any ten* questions :

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- (a) Define the term 'total fertility rate'.
- (b) How do you define population growth rate?
- (c) Define life expectancy at birth.
- (d) What is replacement fertility?
- (e) What is a population pyramid?
- (f) Define basic transfer in the context of debt accumulation.
- (g) What is external debt?
- (h) What is a capacity curve?
- (i) What do you mean by group lending scheme?
- (j) What is coordination failure?
- (k) Define Pareto improvement.
- (l) What do you mean by common property resource?
- (m) Mention the functions of the IMF.
- (n) Define sustainable net national income.
- (o) Give an example of a negative environment externality.

Group - B

Answer *any three* questions.

- 2. Discuss in brief the theory of demographic transition in a developing country. In this context, mention how it is different from developed countries. 3+2
- 3. "If the tenant is risk-averse, he should prefer the sharecropping contract over the fixed-rent contract"—Explain. 5

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4. What are the effects of globalisation? Does it make the world more unequal? 5
5. Discuss with the help of a simple cost benefit model, the issue of externalities and the effect of a tax in reducing environmental degradation. 5
6. “Development planning has been a failure”.— Explain some of the major reasons for plan failures. 5

Group - C

Answer *any three* questions.

7. Discuss the model of lender’s risk hypothesis. 10
 8. Derive the supply curve of labour in the presence of non-labour asset inequalities, in a nutrition based model of the labour market. In this context explain the effect of transfer of asset holdings on the labour market. 7+3
 9. Explain in brief the history of environment change. 10
 10. Discuss in brief the Indian economic policies and performance in the context of globalisation. 10
 11. Write short notes on (*any two*) : 5+5
 - (a) Microfinance Institutions
 - (b) Sustainable Development
 - (c) Brief history of GATT
 - (d) The Multifibre Agreement.
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