

2016

ECONOMICS - PAPER-II

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be written either in English or in Bengali but all answers must be in one and the same language.

All questions carry equal marks

Group A

Answer any Three Questions

1. "Though population pressure is often envisaged to act as the constraining factor on the process of economic growth in developing economies, India is credited to have realized a great 'demographic dividend'." Explaining the statement above, bring out the major steps that need to be taken under economic policy to reap the advantage of this demographic dividend.
2. During the British Rule, India was rooted with seeds of modernisation, but the country remained underdeveloped. Discuss.
3. Evaluate India's human development record in the global perspective.
4. Agro-based industries, especially food-processing units, can alter the fate of rural India. Discuss.
5. Financial inclusion is one of the most essential components of inclusive growth. Comment.

Group B

Answer any two

6. Do you agree with the view that economic reforms in India have resulted in job insecurity for the workers? Substantiate your answer with a broad analysis of the labour market in India.
7. Discuss the performance of West Bengal economy vis-a vis the whole of India. Discuss the major initiatives taken by West Bengal government to make it as an Industrial destination.
8. Discuss the functional objectives of SEBI, and critically examine the steps taken by it to regulate the functioning of capital market in India.