

2018

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

GROUP-A

Answer any three Questions :

1. Analyse the fundamental features of a less developed economy. Do you think that the per capita income is a good measure of economic development ?
30+10
2. Use the Harris-Todaro model to posit the possibility of over-migration as a threat to the problem of Urban unemployment.
40
3. a) What is the 'Environment Kuznets Curve' ? Spell out its economic implications.
b) Is it possible to use 'environmental standards' as the basis of international trade ? Explain your answer.
(10+10)+20
4. Critically evaluate the hypothesis that 'Trade is an Engine of Growth'.
40
5. "The market-based approach to development cannot address the problem of widespread poverty in the less-developed economies". Analyse the statement to give your arguments for the relevance of 'planning for development'.

GROUP-B

20+20

Answer any two Questions :

6. Distinguish between the Old Guarantee System and the New Guarantee System in terms of their (a) contribution to the development of the Indian Railways and (b) effect on the financial liability of colonial India.
30+10
7. Critically evaluate the New Agricultural Strategy in relation to its effects on inter-regional, inter-class and inter-crop inequalities. Do you think that land reforms should have been adequately emphasized before initiating the new strategy ?
10x3+10
8. "Economic development is a process that benefits the least-privileged first". Evaluate the proposition with reference to the policies of the Government of West Bengal in relation to (a) primary and secondary education, (b) public health, (c) public distribution system and (d) employment generation.