

2022

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 same language.

Answer any five questions taking at least two from each group.

Group-A

1. (a) Is 'trade' an 'engine' of growth? Explain your answer with reference to impact of foreign trade on the economic development of a developing country.
(b) Explain rural-urban migration of labour on the basis of Harris-Todaro model. 20+20=40
2. (a) Discuss the planning versus market debate in the context of economic development of nations.
(b) Does economic development harm the natural environment? Argue your case. 25+15=40
3. What is the link between poverty and inequality? Has the world experienced more income inequality between persons and less incidence of poverty? If so, explain. 15+25=40
4. What are the underlying assumptions of the Lewis model of development? Does the model provide a satisfactory framework for analysing the process of economic development of a nation endowed with surplus labour? Give reasons. 40
5. Write notes on (any two) : 20+20=40
 - (a) Demographic transition
 - (b) Capability approach to development
 - (c) Technical change and economic development
 - (d) Globalization

Group-B

6. (a) What factors caused commercialization of agriculture in British India?
(b) Write a note on economic drain. 25+15=40
7. (a) Briefly discuss the land tenure system prevailing in British India.
(b) What reforms in the system were conducted in independent India? 20+20=40
8. Analyse the impacts of Green Revolution on the Indian economy. 40

9. What were the justifications for introducing economic reforms in India in June 1991? Explain carefully. 40
10. Has the economy of the state of West Bengal moved from dependence on agriculture to one of service-led growth? Answer in terms of behaviour of sectoral changes that took place during the last fifty years. 40
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