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ECONOMICS (Honours)

Paper : V

Date : 14/12/2019

Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Full Marks : 100

(Use a separate Answer Book for each Group)

Group-A

1. Answer **any three** questions of the following: [3×4]
 - a) Mention four structural features of Indian economy during 1947-50.
 - b) Mention two basic characteristics of Indian economic planning.
 - c) Mention the major objectives of land reforms in India.
 - d) What do you mean by marketable surplus? How is it different from marketed surplus?
 - e) Distinguish between import-substitution and export-promotion strategies.
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×8]
 - a) How is unemployment defined in India? What are the different types of unemployment found in rural India? (4+4)
 - b) Discuss the findings of the Hazari committee and the Dutta committee regarding industrial development in India during the planning period.
3. Answer **any two** questions of the following: [2×15]
 - a) What were the major restrictions imposed by the licensing system on Indian industries since the second-half of 1950s? How far was this policy successful in initiating the process of industrialisation in India? (8+7)
 - b) Discuss how poverty has been measured in India. Mention briefly the various poverty eradication programmes adopted in India. How far have these programmes been successful? (5+7+3)
 - c) Explain the basic issues relating to farm-size and productivity. Do you think that the relation between farm-size and productivity is scale-neutral? Explain. (9+6)
 - d) Explain the structural constraints to the implementation of development planning in India. Briefly explain why it is often said, 'Indian plans are good in papers but are not so good in implementation.' (8+7)

Group-B

Section-I

4. Answer **any two** questions of the following: [2×4]
 - a) Distinguish between 'internal' and 'external' drain in India during the British rule.
 - b) State the basic features of India's colonial economy.

- c) Distinguish between Rayatwari and Mahalwari systems of land revenue in India during the British rule.
5. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×7]
- a) Indicate the differences between the Old Guarantee System and the New Guarantee System of development of Indian railways.
- b) Write a brief note on the discriminating protection followed by the British rulers in India.
6. Answer **any one** question of the following: [1×15]
- a) What do you mean by commercialisation of agriculture? Discuss the major causes and consequences of commercialisation of Indian agriculture during the British period. (2+6+7)
- b) What were the basic issues involved in ‘deindustrialisation debate’ in British India? Discuss some of the major consequences of deindustrialisation during the British Period. (7+8)
- Section-II**
7. Answer **any two** questions of the following: [2×8]
- a) Illustrate the changing share of the industrial output of West Bengal in relation to All-India level while indicating the underlying causes. (4+4)
- b) Discuss the major policy debates related to ‘Operation Barga’ in West Bengal.
- c) Explain the reasons behind declining agricultural growth rate in West Bengal during the post-reform period.
8. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1×4)
- a) Discuss in brief, the changes in cropping pattern in the agricultural sector of West Bengal during the last two decades.
- b) Point out the strategies followed by the Government of West Bengal for the development of rural farm and non-farm sectors.

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