

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

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ECONOMICS (Honours)

Date : 12/12/2016

Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Paper : V

Full Marks : 100

(Use a separate Answer Book for each Group)

Group – A

1. Answer **any three** questions of the following : (3 × 4)
 - a) Distinguish between 'marketable' and 'marketed' surplus.
 - b) Mention major objectives of land reform in India.
 - c) Distinguish between import substitution and export promotion strategies.
 - d) Mention two features of the Indian economy on the eve of independence.
 - e) What do you mean by MRTP Act?
2. Answer **any one** questions of the following : (1 × 8)
 - a) Distinguish between support price and procurement price in the context of Indian agriculture. Mention the major objectives of agricultural price policy in India. (4 + 4)
 - b) Discuss the various types of unemployment found in India. (8)
3. Answer **any two** questions of the following : (2 × 15)
 - a) Discuss the significant achievements of Indian planning. Comment briefly on its failures. Why has it been abandoned? (6 + 5 + 4)
 - b) How far do you agree with the view that decreasing return to scale necessarily operates in Indian agriculture? Explain your view with special reference to the experiences in the post-Green Revolution period.
 - c) i) Discuss briefly the decelerations of industrial growth in India during the plan period. (6)
ii) Evaluate the industrial licensing system in India. (9)
 - d) 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)

Group – B

Unit I

4. Answer **any two** questions of the following : (2 × 4)
 - a) Mention some of the basic features of India's colonial economy.
 - b) Distinguish between 'internal' and 'external' economic drain.
 - c) 'The ultimate pattern of Ryotwari System was not very dissimilar from the Zamindari System' – Explain.
5. Answer **any one** question of the following : (1 × 7)
 - a) 'The construction of railways in India during the British rule was far more important than the expansion of irrigational facilities' – Do you support this view? Justify with suitable reasons.
 - b) Write a brief note on "Home charges" operating in India during the British period.

6. Answer **any one** question of the following : (1 × 15)
- a) Discuss the process, causes and consequences of commercialisation of Indian agriculture during the British rule. (4+6+5)
 - b) What is 'deindustrialisation'? Discuss briefly the causes and consequences of deindustrialisation in India during British period. (4+6+5)

Unit II

7. Answer **any two** questions of the following: (2 × 8)
- a) Discuss the major policy debates relating to the issue of Operation Barga in West Bengal.
 - b) What explains the industrial growth in West Bengal after 1990's.
 - c) Discuss the major strategies for rural development in West Bengal during the era of economic reforms since 1991.
8. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 4)
- a) Discuss the changes in the cropping pattern in the agricultural sector of West Bengal in recent years.
 - b) In short discuss the health sector of West Bengal.

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