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ECONOMICS [Honours]

Paper : V

Date : 19/12/2017

Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Full Marks : 100

[Use a separate Answer Book for each Group]

Group – A

1. Answer **any three** questions: [3×4]
 - a) Mention four structural features of Indian economy during 1947 –50. [4]
 - b) Mention two basic characteristics of Indian economic planning. [4]
 - c) Mention the major objectives of land reforms in India. [4]
 - d) State, in brief, the reasons for industrial slowdown in the 1990s. [4]
 - e) Briefly discuss the nature of unemployment in India. [4]

2. Answer **any one** question: [1×8]
 - a) Discuss the transformation that has taken place in the roles of the state and the market in the context of Indian economy since the adoption of economic reform. [8]
 - b) Do you agree with the view that decreasing returns to scale necessarily operates in Indian agriculture? [8]

3. Answer **any two** questions: [2×15]
 - a) Describe the rationale behind the adoption of India's development objective and strategy in the early phases of planning. Why and how was the development objective modified during the fifth plan period? [9+6]
 - b) (i) Discuss in detail the achievements and failures of Green Revolution strategy in India. [10+5]
(ii) Mention various objectives of the pricing policy in Indian agriculture.
 - c) (i) Discuss how poverty has been measured in India. [8+7]
(ii) Explain the different programmes implemented by the government to eradicate poverty in India since 1991.
 - d) What were the major restrictions imposed by the licensing system on Indian industries during the second-half of 1950s? How far was this policy successful in initiating the process of industrialisation in India? [8+7]

Group – B

4. Answer **any two** questions : [2×4]
 - a) What were the impacts of American Civil War on Indian agriculture?
 - b) Mention the major features of the 'Permanent Settlement' in the Land Revenue System under British Rule in India.
 - c) Explain the implications of 'discriminating protection' during the British Rule in India.

5. Answer **any one** question : [1×7]
 - a) What do you mean by 'Home charges'? Explain in this context any two impacts of 'Economic Drain' in India during the pre-Independence period. [3+4]

- b) 'Investment in irrigation was more desired than that in developing railways in India' —Do you support this view? Justify your answer in the context of Indian economy under British Rule. [7]
6. Answer **any one** question : [1×15]
- a) State the principal features of the 'New Guarantee System' in the context of the development of Indian railways under British dominion. How far do you think that the 'New Guarantee System' was an improvement over the 'Old Guarantee System'? Substantiate your answer. [5+10]
- b) What is 'deindustrialisation'? Mention some of the reasons for 'deindustrialisation' in British India. Illustrate in this context the essence of the 'deindustrialisation debate'. [2+8+5]
7. Answer **any two** questions : [2×8]
- a) 'The share of the industrial output of West Bengal in the gross industrial output of India has declined over the past few decades' —Do you support this statement? Justify. [8]
- b) What do you mean by 'Operation Barga'? Analyse its impact on landholding pattern and agricultural productivity in West Bengal. [2+6]
- c) Explain briefly the reasons for declining agricultural growth rate in West Bengal during the post-reform period. [8]
8. Answer **any one** question : [1×4]
- a) Write a short note on the role of unorganised industrial sector in West Bengal.
- b) Discuss in brief the health sector in West Bengal.

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