

# **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA**

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**ECONOMICS [Honours]**

**Paper : V**

Date : 19/12/2018

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 the features of Indian economy on the eve of independence.
  - b) Distinguish between a support price and a procurement price in the context of Indian agriculture.
  - c) Mention some of the negative impacts of Green Revolution in India.
  - d) Distinguish between the import-substitution and export-promotion strategies.
  - e) Mention briefly the size-productivity debate in the context of Indian agriculture.
2. Answer **any one** question: [1×8]
  - a) Discuss the various types of unemployment found in India.
  - b) Discuss briefly the objectives of agricultural price policy in India.
3. Answer **any two** questions: [2×15]
  - a) i) Do you think that the objectives of Indian planning are conflicting and are responsible for slow growth of the Indian economy? Argue in favour of your answer.  
ii) Do you agree with the view that the Indian plans are good in paper but rarely good in implementation? [9 + 6]
  - b) Discuss briefly the objectives of land reform in India. How far do you think these objectives have been achieved? Give reasons for your answer. [5 + 10]
  - c) i) Discuss, in detail, the evolution of industrial licensing policy in India during the planning period.  
ii) Discuss the causes of stagnation in Indian industries during the mid-1960s. [7 + 8]
  - 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**

4. Answer **any two** questions : [2×4]
- a) Mention the major constituents of 'Economic Drain' in British India.
  - b) Mention four important reasons for de-industrialisation during the British period.
  - c) Discuss, in brief, the policy of 'discriminating protection' as an integral part of British colonial rule in India.
5. Answer **any one** question : [1×7]
- a) 'Investment in irrigational infrastructure should have been given greater emphasis during the British rule.' — Do you support it? Justify your answer.
  - b) Explain the principal features of the 'Old Guarantee system' in the development of railways in India during the British rule.
6. Answer **any one** question : [1×15]
- a) Discuss briefly the various policies for land settlement in British India. Do you think that the policies were conducive to agricultural growth? Give reasons for your answer. (10+5)
  - b) Discuss briefly the causes and consequences of commercialisation of Indian agriculture during the British period.
7. Answer **any two** questions : [2×8]
- a) Explain briefly the reasons for declining agricultural growth rate in West Bengal during the post-reform period.
  - b) Discuss the major economic impacts of "Operation Barga" in West Bengal.
  - c) Illustrate the position of West Bengal in terms of its share in industrial output and industrial employment in India during the pre-reform and post-reform period.
8. Answer **any one** question : [1×4]
- a) In short, discuss the health sector of West Bengal.
  - b) Discuss, in brief, the strategies for rural development followed by the Government of West Bengal during the post-reform period.

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