

2020

ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Sixth Paper

(Group - A)

Full Marks : 50

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*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Section - A

(Marks : 20)

1. Answer *any two* questions : 10×2
- (a) Do you support the view that the absolute gap between the richest and the poorest countries has widened over time? Give some evidence.
 - (b) State two identifiable changes in the methods and characteristics of economic organization that constitute industrial revolution.
 - (c) Mention and explain any one point in the debate between Heavy Industrialisation and Light Industrialisation.
 - (d) Indicate some factors on the demand front (or supply front) that work against the export promotion strategy in LDCs which mainly produce primary products.
 - (e) Distinguish between Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Portfolio Investment.
 - (f) Mention the basic objectives of UNCTAD.
 - (g) What are the principal functions of WTO? What do you mean by Market Access in WTO?
 - (h) What constitutes development planning?

Section - B

(Marks : 30)

2. Answer *any two* questions.
- (a) Explain some of the significant differences in initial conditions of development between LDCs and present day developed countries. 15
 - (b) Discuss the characteristic features of Industrial Revolution of Great Britain. What were the consequences of this revolution? 7½+7½
 - (c) Explain the rationale for re-examining the role of IMF in maintaining global economic stability in the era of Globalization. 15
 - (d) Explain the process of gradual transition from GATT to WTO. 15
 - (e) What are the basic classifications of Regional Trading Blocks? Do you think formation of Regional Trading Blocks has beneficial effect on member nations? Justify your answer. 5+10
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Section - A

Question no. 1 is compulsory. Answer **any one** questions from the rest.

1. Answer **any two** questions : 5×2
- (a) What is strategic sale of public enterprise?
 - (b) What are the major elements of food policy in India?
 - (c) State any two reforms undertaken in the money market.
 - (d) Mention two features of FRBM Act.
 - (e) Define informal labour.
 - (f) Define special economic zone.
 - (g) What is 'National Investment Fund'?
 - (h) Mention two advantages of Liquidity Adjustment Facility.
2. Examine the operational dimensions of MGNREGA in the context of employment and income generation in rural India. 20
3. In the post-liberalization period, India's dependency has shifted from primary sector to the tertiary sector for its growth – Discuss in terms of growth in employment and trade in the tertiary sector. 20
4. What are the supply and demand side factors that adversely affect India's performance as an exporter? 20

Section - B

Question no. 5 is compulsory. Answer **any one** question from the rest.

5. Answer **any two** questions : 5×2
- (a) Mention two features of the land reform policy of West Bengal in last twenty five years.
 - (b) Mention the names of two small manufacturing industries of West Bengal.

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- (c) What do you mean by Rural Non Farm Sector?
 - (d) Mention two poverty alleviation policies taken in West Bengal.
 - (e) What is the reason behind setting up of the Swanirbhar Sahayak Prakalpa (WBSSP) scheme by the state government?
 - (f) What is Shilpa Sathi in West Bengal?
 - (g) What is the function of Samajik Suraksha Yojana in West Bengal?
 - (h) Where does West Bengal rank in (G)SDP and per capita (G)SDP among all the Indian states?
6. Compare the trends in employment and growth in the State Domestic Product of West Bengal with five major states in India. 10
7. What has been the growth of informal sector in West Bengal during the last two decades? How do you explain this growth? 10
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