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ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-A-2

[Economic History of India (1857-1947)]

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Group - A

1. Answer **any ten** questions from the following : 2×10
- What is 'colonisation'?
 - What is 'de-industrialisation'?
 - Mention any two features of 'New Guarantee System'.
 - What were the main industries that India possessed in the late 19th century?
 - Mention two main improvements of the New Guarantee System over the Old Guarantee System.
 - What was the Sterling Exchange Standard of 1931-47?
 - Mention any two causes of decline of handicrafts under British rule.
 - What is Ottawa Agreement?
 - How did the introduction of the money economy play a role in the commercialization of Indian agriculture?
 - What are Home Charges?
 - Mention two reasons that led to the move towards protective trade after World War I.
 - Mention two effects that commercialization had on the socio-economic structure of the Indian rural society.
 - How did the land revenue policy of the British affect Indian farmers?
 - What is 'Silver Exchange Standard'?
 - What do you understand by 'Monetary Policy'?

Group - B

2. Answer **any three** questions from the followings : 5×3
- Write a short note on 'Ryotwari System'.
 - What are the main recommendations of Hilton-Young Commission?

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- (c) Why the 'Permanent Settlement Policy' had been labelled as "one of the great wrongs" of the British government?
- (d) What do you understand by Railway vs. Irrigation controversy?
- (e) What are the main features of the Old Guarantee System?

Group - C

3. Answer **any three** questions from the followings :

10×3

- (a) Discuss the causes behind the origin and development of the Managing Agency System in the development of Indian industries during the British period.
 - (b) Describe the ways in which the transition from subsistence agriculture to commercial agriculture transformed the Indian agriculture.
 - (c) Critically discuss the 'Drain Theory' in the context of India's economic history.
 - (d) Discuss the effects of railway construction in British India.
 - (e) Give an outline of the changes in Indian land ownership and tenancy system introduced in the British period.
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