

2023

**ECONOMICS — HONOURS**

Paper : DSE-B(2)-2

(Issues in Development Economics)

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**

2×10

1. Answer **any ten** questions :

- ✓/ (a) Define the term 'crude death rate'.
- ✓/ (b) Distinguish between renewable and non-renewable resources.
- ✓/ (c) Define life expectancy at birth.
- (d) What do you mean by doubling time in the context of population?
- ✓/ (e) What is a population pyramid?
- (f) Define basic transfer in the context of debt accumulation.
- ✓/ (g) Mention the purpose of GATT.
- ✓/ (h) What is a capacity curve?
- (i) What are the forms of land rental contracts?
- ✓/ (j) What is coordination failure?
- (k) Write the full form of IBRD.
- ✓/ (l) What do you mean by common property resource?
- (m) What is isolation paradox?
- ✓/ (n) Define sustainable development.
- ✓/ (o) Give an example of a negative environment externality.

**Group - B**

Answer **any three** questions.

- ✓/ 2. Explain the notion of the hidden momentum of population growth. Why is this an important concept for projecting future population trends in different developing nations? 2+3
- 3. "If the tenant is risk-averse, he should prefer the sharecropping contract over the fixed-rent contract." — Explain. 5

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4. Derive the supply curve of labour in the presence of non-labour asset inequalities, in a nutrition based model of labour market. 5
5. Explain, in brief, the relationship between sustainable development and environmental accounting. 5
6. Discuss with the help of a simple cost benefit model, the issue of externalities and the effect of a tax in reducing environmental degradation. 5

### Group - C

Answer *any three* questions.

7. Discuss with a simple model the cost and benefits of having children taking into account social and private costs. What happens to fertility decisions in a joint family structure? 5+5
8. Discuss, in detail, the model of lender's risk hypothesis. 10
9. What are the effects of globalisation? Does it make the world more unequal? 10
10. Discuss briefly the causes and effects of globalisation in the Indian context. 10
11. Write short notes on (*any two*) : 5×2
- (a) Microfinance Institutions
  - (b) Concept of exit and voice option in the context of deterioration in firm's performance
  - (c) Globalisation from a historical perspective
  - (d) Organisational Structure of the WTO.
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