

2025

ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : DSE-A-2.2

(Issues in Indian Economy)

Full Marks : 50

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 five* questions : 2×5
- (a) Explain the term Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).
 - (b) What is inclusive growth?
 - (c) What is Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practice (MRTP)?
 - (d) What are two major export and import components in India in recent times?
 - (e) Discuss the major reason for difference in rural and urban inflation.
 - (f) What is Labour Force Participation Rate?
 - (g) What is the role of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in India?
 - (h) Who are the 'missing middle' in Indian employment scenario?

Group - B

Answer *any two* questions.

2. Explain the concept of 'sectoral shift' in GDP. Briefly state the main features of structural change in national income of India during post-liberalization period. 2+3
3. Critically assess the role of public investment in infrastructure in accelerating GDP growth in India after 2000. 5
4. How did the State Government benefit from improvement in fiscal consolidation initiatives of Central Government after 2003/04 till 2007/08? 5
5. Analyse the reasons behind the recent decline in FDI inflows. 5

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Group - C

Answer *any three* questions.

6. (a) What are the key drivers of services sector growth in India? Is this growth sustainable in the long run?
- (b) Considering the growth experience of India in the post-2010 period, do you think that there are some structural bottlenecks which have constrained sustained high growth? Argue with reasons. (2+3)+5
7. (a) Explain with reasons whether the Indian economy is experiencing 'jobless growth' in the period following 2000. If so, then mention some key factors contributing to jobless growth in India.
- (b) What are the main challenges faced by workers in the informal sector? (3+3)+4
8. "The share of MSME sector in the country's Gross Value Added is approximately 32 percent" (Economic Survey, 2017-18, Vol-II).
- (a) State the importance of the MSME sector in India.
- (b) Discuss any two challenges faced by the MSME sector in India. 4+6
9. (a) Discuss the impact of agricultural marketing inefficiencies on food inflation and food security in India.
- (b) Analyze the role of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) in India's agricultural marketing in affecting the farmer's income and market efficiency. 6+4
10. (a) Evaluate the impact of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) on the performance and stability of Indian banks. What are the key causes of rising trends of NPAs in Indian banks?
- (b) Examine the role of technology in transforming India's insurance services. 5+5
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