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ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Paper : DSCC-4

(Development Economics)

Full Marks : 75

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 :

2×10

- (a) Mention any two differences between economic growth and economic development.
- (b) State any two opportunities of developing economies.
- (c) What are the components of HDI?
- (d) Define poverty line.
- (e) How is Lorenz curve used to measure inequality?
- (f) What does a poverty gap of zero imply?
- (g) Which linkage forward or backward, is stronger in the social overhead sector?
- (h) Define disguised unemployment.
- (i) Define financial inclusion.
- (j) What is meant by Agenda 2030?
- (k) Define Gini coefficient.
- (l) Mention two different causes behind persistence of poverty in developing economies.
- (m) Explain the concept of 'Missing Women'.
- (n) Indicate the main points of difference between GATT and WTO.
- (o) What does TRIPS stand for? What does it imply?

Group - B

2. Answer **any five** questions :

- (a) What role does microfinance play in alleviating poverty? 5
- (b) Discuss the method of construction of Human Development Index of UNDP. 5

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- (c) How does the Human Poverty Index measure poverty? Explain in brief. 5
- (d) Discuss the conflict between surplus generation and output maximization involved in the choice of production techniques of less developed countries. 5
- (e) What is meant by Solidarity Group Lending? Mention the advantages and disadvantages of such lending practice. 1+2+2
- (f) What is meant by Special Drawing Rights of IMF? Explain its importance in the context of member countries. 2+3
- (g) What is Dunkel Draft? Discuss the major issues addressed in the Uruguay Round of GATT. 2+3
- (h) Write short note on (*any one*) : 5×1
- (i) Vicious Circle Hypothesis
- (ii) Barriers to financial inclusion in rural areas.

Group - C

Answer *any three* questions.

3. "The degree of income inequality declines after a certain stage with the rise in GNP per capita in a Country." — Justify the statement. 10
4. (a) Discuss the implications of gender inequality in developing countries.
- (b) How does the Gender Inequality Index measure gender based disadvantages? 5+5
5. (a) Describe how the Lewis Model explains transformation of an economy with the help of surplus labour.
- (b) Mention the main criticisms advanced against this model. 6+4
6. (a) What is meant by Balanced Growth Strategy?
- (b) Discuss the different versions of balanced growth doctrine and comment on its feasibility in the context of LDCs. 2+(5+3)
7. (a) What is Structural Adjustment Loan of World Bank?
- (b) Discuss the conditionalities imposed by World Bank for disbursing such loans.
- (c) Briefly outline the role of World Bank in economic development. 2+4+4