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MA 1st Semester Exam., 2017

ECONOMICS

(MEC 04)

(Development Economics)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) Define the concept of sustainable development.

(b) How can the vicious circle of poverty be broken?

(c) Mention the three basic features of public-private partnership.

(d) Define infant mortality rate (IMR).

(e) Mention three features of the big push theory of development.

(f) Give the Amartya Sen's definition of development.

2. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *150* words) : 4×3=12

(a) Discuss the shortcomings of Marx's theory of capitalist development.

(b) On what ground has the theory of Lewis model of growth been criticised?

(c) Discuss the role of transport system in India toward economic development.

(d) Do you think public-private partnership can help in the development process of a country? Discuss.

3. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *250* words) : 6×3=18

(a) Discuss the factors that lead to the economic development of a country.

(b) Critically discuss the classical theory of development.

(c) "The persistence of poverty in the less developed countries is due to the capitalist exploitation by the developed countries." Discuss the statement in light with the dependency theory of development.

(d) "In order to achieve the transition from the state of backwardness to the more developed state, it is necessary that at some point of time, the economy receives a stimulus to growth that is greater than a certain critical minimum size." Explain the statement in light with the critical minimum effort hypothesis.

4. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each within *500* words) : 10×4=40

(a) What is Human Development Index? How is it calculated? State the limitations of the concept of Human Development Index.

(b) Does population work as a retarding factor to economic development? Discuss in the context of the Indian economy.

(c) Evaluate the role of agriculture in the economic development of a country with special reference to India.

(d) Discuss the linkages between the agriculture and industrial sector in an economy. How does the industrial sector promote economic growth of a country? 7+3=10

(e) What is economic planning? Outline the broad objectives of economic planning in India. Critically evaluate the achievements of economic planning of India. 2+3+5=10

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