PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2016

ECONOMICS

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : ECOCC–307

(Human Development—I)

Full Marks : 70
Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **five** questions, selecting **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. *(a)* Briefly explain the human capital approach to development. 9

(b) Write a short note on quality of life approach of development. 5

2. *(a)* What are the common misunderstandings associated with the interpretation of Professor Sen's capability approach? Explain. 9

(Turn Over)

(b) Write a short note on basic needs approach. 5

UNIT—II

3. *(a)* Write short notes on the following : 3½+3½=7

   (i) The physical quality of life index

   (ii) The basic capability index

(b) Calculate gender-related development index (as described in Human Development Report, 2010) from the following information : 7

Indicator	Female	Male
Population share (in %)	50·7	49·3
Life expectancy (in years)	80·4	76·6
Adult literacy rate (in %)	93·9	97·8
Gross enrolment ratio (in %)	83·5	82·1
Income index	0·804	0·919

4. *(a)* Write short notes on the following : 3½+3½=7

   (i) Happiness index

   (ii) Human development index

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(b) Calculate gender empowerment measure (as described in Human Development Report, 2010) from the following information : 7

Indicator	Female	Male
Population share (in %)	0·496	0·504
Parliamentary share (in %)	6·5	93·5
Share of positions as legislators, senior officials and managers (in %)	21·5	78·5
Share of professional and technical positions (in %)	41·7	58·3
Estimated earned income (in PPP US $)	13,693	27,739

UNIT—III

5. (a) How is HPI–1 different from HPI–2? 2

(b) Given the following information :

Indicator	China	India	Pakistan	UAE
People who expect to live to age 40 (in %)	90·9	80·6	77·4	96·4
Adult literacy rate (in %)	80·9	51·2	37·1	78·6
People with access to safe water (in %)	67	81	74	95
People with access to health services (in %)	88	85	55	99
Underweight children under age 5 (in %)	16	53	38	6

Calculate appropriate index to show human poverty in each of these countries. Analyze your results. 10+2=12

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6. (a) Distinguish between absolute poverty and relative poverty. 4

(b) Critically review the aggregate measures of absolute poverty. 10

UNIT—IV

7. (a) What do you mean by economic inequality? 2

(b) What are the major causes of economic inequalities among people in recent times? Discuss. 12

8. Write notes on the following : 9+5=14

(a) Measures of income inequality

(b) Relationship between economic growth and economic inequality

UNIT—V

9. Outline the salient features of Global HDR, 2015. How does 'work' lead to enhancement of human development? Discuss critically in the light of Global HDR, 2015. 7+7=14

10. (a) Outline the themes of various Global HDRs. 7

(b) Discuss the salient features of India HDR, 2011. 7

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