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PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2018

ECONOMICS

(1st Semester)

Course No.: ECOCC-104

(Indian Economic Problems)

Full Marks: 70
Pass Marks: 28

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer five questions, taking one from each Unit

UNIT—I

- 1. Outline the trends in rural-urban migration in India with reference to the latest Population Census. What are the principal causes underlying such migration? Further analyze the major issues relating to the internal migration of labour in India. 5+3+6=14
- **2.** Explain the phases of demographic transition in India. In this context, explain the concept of demographic dividend. What measures do you suggest for the demographic dividend to be harnessed?

 5+5+4=14

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UNIT—II

- **3.** Give an overview of the Balance of Payments situation in India in recent times. What factors are responsible for the widening deficit in the current account? In this context, elaborate the challenges posed by the weakening of the Indian rupee for the country's Balance of Payments. 6+4+4=14
- **4.** Trace the major developments in India's industrial sector in recent years in terms of sectoral contribution to GDP, total factor productivity growth and employment generation. In this context, evaluate the success of Make in India Programme in kick starting growth of the manufacturing sector in India.

 3+4+4+3=14

UNIT—III

5. Explain the circumstances leading to the adoption of the structural adjustment programme in India. Describe the various facets of the aforesaid programme. Did the measures adopted under the SAP succeed in putting India on a higher growth trajectory? Discuss.

5+5+4=14

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6. What is fiscal deficit? How does it differ from primary deficit? Explain the trends in India's fiscal deficit in recent years. What pressures do you perceive on India's fiscal position in the current scenario? Elaborate. 2+2+4+6=14

UNIT—IV

7. Identify two major areas where market failure is perceivable in India and their implications for consumer welfare. In this context, highlight the effectiveness of public-private partnership (PPP) models in addressing such instances of market failure.

9+5=14

8. What is the standard approach for ido measurement and identification of poverty in India? Compare and contrast the progress made by various States in tackling this social malaise. Also give an overview of the chief poverty alienation programmes of the Government of India in recent times. 3+6+5=14

UNIT-V

9. Describe the rationale behind the public distribution system in India. Discuss the various phases of evolution of the PDS and its transition to the direct benefit transfer

(DBT) system. Do you think that the JAM trinity is an effective mechanism for improving targeting and preventing leakages? Discuss. 4+6+4=14

10. What are the objectives of ICDS? Outline the structure of delivery services under ICDS. Evaluate the Midday Meal Programme for improving the nutritional status ofs children in India.

5+4+5=14

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