

INDIAN ECONOMICS

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 200

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

**Please read each of the following instructions carefully
before attempting questions**

There are SIXTEEN questions divided under THREE Sections.

The ONLY question in Section—A is compulsory.

In Section—B, SIX out of NINE questions are to be attempted.

In Section—C, FOUR out of SIX questions are to be attempted.

Candidates should attempt questions/parts as per the instructions given in the Sections.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Candidates are required to write clear, legible and concise answers and to adhere to word limits, wherever indicated. Failure to adhere to word limits may be penalized.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Answers must be written in ENGLISH only.

SECTION—A

1. Answer all SIX parts from this Section. Answer to each should be in about 100 words : 5×6=30
- (a) What are the objectives and features of Smart Cities Mission in India?
 - (b) Briefly discuss the salient features of the National Agriculture Market (NAM) in India.
 - (c) Write a note on Human Development Report (HDR), 2019 with reference to India.
 - (d) Distinguish between 'Wholesale Price Index' and 'Consumer Price Index' in India.
 - (e) Discuss the recent reforms in labour market in India.
 - (f) Discuss in brief the salient features of the Digital India Programme.

SECTION—B

Answer any SIX questions from this Section. Answer to each should be in about 200 words : 15×6=90

- 2. What are the causes and extent of unemployment in India? What do you understand by the term 'Jobless Growth'? Explain this in the light of recent experience.
- 3. Discuss the salient features of the National Food Security Act (2013) in India. Give a critical assessment of it.
- 4. "Subsidies may be a hidden culprit in India's farm crisis." Critically examine the statement.
- 5. Give an account of the progress and expansion of banking network and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in the context of financial inclusion in rural India.
- 6. What are the main pillars of the 'Make in India' programme? Discuss the impact of it on (a) manufacturing and (b) automobile sector.
- 7. Examine the Foreign Trade Policy in India (2015–2020) in the context of its 'vision', 'mission' and 'objectives'.

8. Discuss the rationale and objectives of Disinvestment Policy in India. Assess its performance.
9. Bring out the factors responsible for rapid urbanization in India. What are the policy measures taken to prevent the undesirable effects of rapid urbanization?
10. Explain the concept, features and recent changes of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act (2003) in the context of limiting India's fiscal deficit and debt deficit.

SECTION—C

Answer any FOUR questions from this Section. Answer to each should be in about 300 words :

20×4=80

11. Examine the causes and consequences of the recent slowdown in the Indian Economy. What are the initiatives undertaken by the Government to overcome it? Give your suggestions.
12. Discuss the Capital Market Reforms in India. What is the role of capital market in India's industrial growth? Highlight the measures taken by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in the development of capital market in India.
13. Discuss the trends of agricultural growth rates in India during the post-reform period. What are the factors responsible for the decline in growth rates? Evaluate the measures taken by the Government to revive this sector.
14. Give an account of MGNREGA in India. Explain the extent to which it has been successful in combating rural unemployment and poverty. What are your suggestions to make it more effective?
15. Discuss the criteria, weightage assigned for determining the sharing of Union Tax proceeds and recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission in India.
16. What are the causes and consequences of inflation in India? What are the initiatives and measures taken by the RBI to contain it? In this context, discuss the relevance of inflation targeting in India.
