

**B.A (Honours) Examination, 2022**  
**Semester- VI**  
**Economics**  
**Paper - DSE IV**  
**(Development Economics II)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin*  
**Answer question no.1 or 2, and three from the rest**

1. What are the most pressing health challenges today in the developing economy? What makes them so difficult to solve? 12+3

OR

2. What is meant by the term human capital? Find out the linkages between investments in education and health. Why increasing income is not sufficient for economic development in this context? 2+8+5
3. How does the microeconomic theory of fertility choice relate to the theory of consumer choice? Do you think that economic incentives and disincentives influence family size decisions? 10+5
4. Critically examine the traditional free-trade theory in the context of developing country experiences. 15
5. Explain the concepts of 'import substitution' and 'export promotion'. Do you think that the import substitution policy is economically inefficient and costly to administer? Give reasons for your answer. 8+7
6. What do you mean by women empowerment? What is the importance of economic development on women empowerment? 3+12
7. What are the consequences of gender bias in health and education? Can a large gap between male and female literacy affect development? Why? 8+7
8. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: (7.5+7.5)
- (i). How can the developing countries avoid the Malthusian population trap?
  - (ii). What is the human capital approach to health and education?
  - (iii). Relationship between education, poverty and inequality.