

B.A (Honours) Examination, 2023
Semester- VI
Economics
Paper- DSE-4
(Development Economics II)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks:60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Question No. 1 is compulsory. Attempt any THREE from the rest.

1. Answer any three of the following: 3×5=15
 - (i). How does the microeconomic theory of fertility relate to the theory of consumer choice?
 - (ii). Why do you think that economic development is not sufficient for women empowerment?
 - (iii). What is the impact of globalization in developing countries?
 - (iv). How does education stimulate rural-urban migration?
 - (v). How does poor health conditions in developing countries harm the productivity of workers?

2. Critically examine the relationship between income growth and population growth. In this context, discuss the Malthusian theory of population. 15

3. Why are health and education so closely linked in the development process? Why is increase in individual income not sufficient to improve health and education? 7+8

4. Distinguish between private and social benefits and costs of education. What economic factors give rise to the wide divergence between private and social benefit-to-cost valuations in most developing countries? Explain. 10+5

5. Briefly discuss the importance of gender equality in sustainable development. 15

6. Discuss the major aspects of economic reforms taken up by the developing countries during the 1990's along with their implications from the point of view of development . 15

7. How are population growth, poverty and land scarcity interrelated? Explain how these problems can create a vicious circle of events. 15