

B.A (Honours) Examination, 2024
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 can the developing countries avoid the Malthusian population trap?
 - (ii). Why are health and education closely linked in the development challenge?
 - (iii). How is the microeconomic theory of fertility related to the theory of consumer choice?
 - (iv). Explain how the Coase theorem can solve the problem of market failure.
 - (v). Did the fall of the Berlin Wall signal the beginning of globalization?

2. What is an optimum population? Discuss the different approaches to the optimum theory of population. 5+10

3. 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. 6+9

4. What do you mean by women empowerment? Do you agree that economic development leads to women's empowerment? Give reasons for your answers. 3+12

5. What are the roles of women's education in development? Mention the present status of women's education in developing countries? 5+10

6. Explain the difference between "strong sustainability" and "weak sustainability". What are the challenges to achieve "strong sustainability" for a country like India? 10+5

7. Critically evaluate the impact of globalization on poverty and inequality. 15