

M.A. Examination, 2022

Semester-III

Economics

Course: OP- 8 (Optional)

(Urban Planning and Urban Governance in Developing Countries)

Time: 3 Hours

Full marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any **four** questions:

1. What makes some cities more economically successful than others? Discuss the role of economic policies in shaping inter-city and intra-city differences in development outcomes.
5+5 =10
2. Do you think that the idea of 'creatively destructive neoliberalism' is useful for understanding the path-dependent interactions between existing institutional forms and emergent neoliberal projects in the cities of developing countries?
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3. How far does the New Urban Policy reflect the rhetoric of New Economic Policy? How does the New Urban Policy shape the pursuit for urban growth and its transformation?
4+6=10
4. How does fiscal decentralization facilitate accountability in local government finance? How do the local governments bridge the gap between their revenue raising abilities and expenditure responsibilities?
5+5 = 10
5. What are the roadblocks to urban governance reforms in India? Suggest some suitable policy options to overcome them.
7+3 = 10
6. How does the 'informality' shape the urban planning in India? How far is the dominant discourse on 'informality' useful for understanding urban planning crisis in India?
5+5 = 10
7. What do you understand by affordable housing in the context of Indian cities? What are the plausible interventions policy makers can make to increase the supply of "affordable housing" in India?
3+7 = 10
8. Discuss the reasons behind the poor financial health of the Urban Local Bodies in India? Discuss the reform options to improve the financial health of the Urban Local Bodies in India.
5+5 = 10