

B.A. (Honours) Examination- 2016
Semester-V
Economics
Paper-H-10
(Economics of Development)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin
Answer *any four* questions

1. What difficulties arise in measuring and comparing the per capita income of poor countries using US dollar as the unit of account? 10
 2. What are the concepts considered in construction of the HDI? Why is this measure deemed to be better than per capita income as an index of development? 6+ 4
 3. What is disguised unemployment? Critically explain the Lewis model of economic development. What are its shortcomings? 2+5+3
 4. In what ways may rapid population growth impair development? Is it possible to define optimum population? 5 +5
 5. Examine the view that it is not possible to make an invariable choice in favour of more labour intensive techniques even in the developing countries unless we make explicit choice between the present and the future. 10
 6. Discuss the major arguments for planning in developing countries and briefly analyze the reasons for plan failures in them. 5+5=10
 7. Critically examine the balanced growth strategy in the perspective of development experiences of various less developed countries. 10
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