

2016

(May)

ECONOMICS

(Major)

Course : 604

(**Economic Issues of Assam**)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) What is the sex ratio of Assam according to 2011 Census?

(b) The size of agricultural small holding is

(i) below 1 hectare

(ii) 1.0–2.0 hectare

(iii) 2.0–4.0 hectare

(iv) 4.0–10 hectare

(Choose the correct answer)

(c) Define sustainable agriculture.

(d) Write the full form of NEIP.

(e) What is the sex ratio of Assam?

(f) Which of the following is a stakeholder of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Ltd.?

- (i) GAIL (ii) NEC
(iii) RBI (iv) None of these

(Choose the correct answer)

(g) Which of the following is recognized as a sunrise industry?

- (i) Handloom and handicrafts
(ii) Cane and bamboo
(iii) Bell metal
(iv) Food processing

(Choose the correct answer)

(h) Which is known as the 'golden fibre'?

- (i) Eri (ii) Muga
(iii) Jute (iv) Cotton

(Choose the correct answer)

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following (within 150 words each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Forest resources of Assam
(b) Food security
(c) Bell metal industry of Assam
(d) Prospects of water transportation in Assam
(e) Disguised unemployment
(f) Sericulture of Assam

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3. Do you think that the basic characteristics of the economy of Assam differ from those of the national economy? Justify your answer. 12

Or

What is urbanization? Discuss the trend of urbanization in Assam since the beginning of Five-Year Planning. Is the current trend of urbanization in Assam satisfactory? Discuss.

$2+6+4=12$

4. Discuss the major changes in the cropping pattern in Assam. What measures are suggested for introducing a better and scientific cropping pattern? $6+5=11$

Or

What factors are responsible for uneconomic size of agricultural holdings in Assam? Suggest a few steps to overcome this challenge. $7+4=11$

5. Explain the basic reasons for slow industrial growth in Assam. Do you think that the current trend of liberalization will help in accelerating the state of industrial growth in the State? $7+4=11$

(Turn Over)

Or

What are the recent problems faced by the tea industry of Assam? Discuss with facts the employment potentiality of small tea growers of Assam.

6+5=11

6.

Discuss the role of transport and communication in economic development of Assam. Are the present state of infra-structural facilities of Assam adequate to bring about rapid economic development of Assam? Discuss.

7+4=11

Or

Critically examine the role of rural banks in the rural development of Assam.

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7.

Give an account of the dimension of educated unemployment problem in Assam. Suggest a few long-term measures to solve the problem.

8+3=11

Or

Analyze the problem of flood and erosion and its impact on the economy of Assam.

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