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ECONOMICS

(Major)

Course : 604

(Economic Issues of Assam)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

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 percentage of the total population of India lives in Assam as per 2011 Census?

(i) 2.0

(ii) 2.57

(iii) 3.68

(iv) 4.0

(Choose the correct answer)

(b) What are the factors that affect population growth?

(c) Why is jute known as the golden fibre?

(d) What is the unemployment rate in Assam 2018?

(e) The DONER ministry in 2016 and the FM Arun Jaitley in Budget 2018 termed _____ as 'green gold'.

- (i) Tea (ii) Bamboo
(iii) Tree (iv) Crude oil

(Choose the correct answer and fill in the blank)

(f) India's main rival in tea export is

- (i) China (ii) Keynia
(iii) Sri Lanka (iv) Malaysia

(Choose the correct answer)

(g) SIDF (KAAC) stands for

- (i) Sericulture Infrastructure Development Fund (Kamrup Area and Assam committee)
(ii) Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council)
(iii) Semi-Industrial Development Fund (Karimganj Area Allocation Committee)
(iv) None of the above

(Choose the correct answer)

(h) NRC Pilot Project 2010 was launched in

- (i) South Salmara and Gossaigaon Revenue circles
(ii) Chaygaon and Barpeta Revenue circles
(iii) Dudhnoi and Boko Revenue circles
(iv) None of the above

(Choose the correct answer)

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

- (a) Occupational distribution of workforce in Assam
(b) Prospects of sericulture in Assam
(c) Problems of Bell-metal industry
(d) Flood and erosion problem of Assam
(e) Prospects and problems of border area development

Answer the following questions (within 500 words each) :

3. (a) Give an account of the mineral, forest and water resources of Assam. Why is Assam economically backward in spite of possessing these resources? Explain.

$6+6=12$

Or

- (b) Discuss the composition, distribution and density of population of Assam. Briefly explain the reasons for rapid growth of population in Assam since 1947.

$8+4=12$

4. (a) What is sustainable agriculture? Explain how sustainable agriculture be adopted and made commercially viable in Assam.

$3+8=11$

Or

- (b) Explain the term 'modernisation' of agriculture. Explain with examples how 'food production and food security' are related.

$5+6=11$

(Turn Over)

5. (a) Analyse the prospects of industrial development in Assam. Mention the important measures taken by the Government of Assam for faster industrial development. 7+4=11

Or

- (b) Explain the prospects and problems of the following industries : 3+4+4=11

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

6. (a) Explain the growth and role of financial institutions in the economic development of Assam. 5+6=11

Or

- (b) Explain the present state of transport and communication facilities in Assam. Are these facilities adequate to bring about rapid economic growth? Explain.

6+5=11

7. (a) Discuss the causes and consequences of immigration in the context of Assam. 11

Or

- (b) Discuss the important economic problems of Assam. Do you think NEC played a significant role in reducing these problems? Give reasons in support of your answer.

6+5=11
