6 SEM TDC DSE ECO (CBCS) 5 (H)

2022

(June/July)

ECONOMICS

(Discipline Specific Elective)

(For Honours)

Paper: DSE-5

(History of Economic Thought)

Full Marks: 80
Pass Marks: 32

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 1. Answer/Choose the correct answer from the following: 1×8=8
 - (a) Who coined the term 'mercantilism'?
 - (b) The methodology used in classical economics was
 - (i) inductive
 - (ii) deductive
 - (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) None of the above

- (c) Who stated that every individual is motivated by 'self-interest'?
 - (i) Adam Smith
 - (ii) David Ricardo
 - (iii) T. R. Malthus
 - (iv) J. B. Say
- (d) If marginal propensity to consume is 0.5, what will be the value of multiplier?
 - (i) 4
 - (ii) 3
 - (iii) 2
 - (iv) 1
- (e) "Economics is the study of mankind in the ordinary business of life." Who made this statement?
 - (i) Alfred Marshall
 - (ii) Lionel Robbins
 - (iii) P. A. Samuelson
 - (iv) None of them

- (f) The concept of subjectivism was introduced in Economics by
 - (i) Austrian school
 - (ii) Historical school
 - (iii) Mathematical school
 - (iv) New classical school
- (g) The stage of development preceding the Communist stage in Marxian analysis is
 - (i) feudal
 - (ii) capital
 - (iii) primitive
 - (iv) None of the above
- (h) Who authored the book, Poverty and Un-British Rule in India?
- 2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following (within 150 words each): 4×4=16
 - (a) Say's law of market
 - (b) The labour theory of value

- (c) Economic ideas of Walras
- (d) The Great Depression of 1930's and J. M. Keynes
- (e) Economic ideas of Kautilya

Answer the following (within 500 words each):

3. (a) What were the factors responsible for the growth of mercantilism? Discuss the main ideas of mercantilism. 7+4=11

Or

- (b) Discuss the major contributions of David Ricardo to the history of economic thought. Why are David Ricardo and T. R. Malthus known as pessimists in the economic history? 9+2=11
- 4. (a) What were the positive ideas of the historical school? Critically examine those ideas. 7+4=11

Or

(b) Give a critical assessment of Karl Marx and estimate his place in the history of economic thought.

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5. (a) Write the meanings of subjectivism and marginalism. Explain the factors giving rise to subjectivism and marginalism.
4+7=11

Or

- (b) Assess the place of Alfred Marshall in the history of economic thought. 11
- 6. (a) Discuss the Keynesian theory of employment determination. How is it different from the classical theory?

 8+3=11

Or

- (b) Write a critical note on 'Keynesianism vs. Monetarism'.
- 7. (a) Describe the economic ideas of M. K. Gandhi. To what extent, Gandhian economic ideas are relevant today?

8+4=12

Or

(b) What, according to Dadabhai Naoroji, were the causes of drainage of resources from India to UK? What were his suggestions for elimination of drainage of resources?

8+4=12

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