

2020

ECONOMICS — HONOURS

Eighth Paper

(Group - A)

Full Marks : 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Section - A

(Marks : 20)

1. Answer *any two* questions : 10×2
- (a) Briefly discuss the causes of commercialization of agriculture in India during the British rule.
 - (b) What do you mean by 'Economic Drain'?
 - (c) Write a brief note on Mahalwari System.
 - (d) Distinguish between People's Plan and Bombay Plan.
 - (e) Mention the four stages of railway construction in British India.
 - (f) Point out the main recommendations of Hilton-Young Commission.
 - (g) Write a brief note on 'Ottawa Trade Agreement'.
 - (h) Mention the problems of the Managing Agency System.

Section - B

(Marks : 30)

2. Answer *any two* questions :
- (a) Critically discuss how did 'Land ownership Structure and Revenue Arrangements' under the so called Permanent Settlement change in British India. 15
 - (b) Under what circumstances the 'Gold Exchange Standard' was introduced in Indian economic history? Did it help India? Why did it break down in 1917? 7+4+4
 - (c) Deindustrialisation of India can be traced to the policy of the British Raj — Explain. 15
 - (d) What was the 'New Guarantee System' of Indian railways? Why was it introduced? Was it an improvement over 'Old Guarantee System'? 4+4+7
 - (e) Discuss the impact of 'imperial preference' in foreign trade during the colonial rule in India. 15
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