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Discipline Specific Core Course

ECONOMICS

UK2DSCECO104 - Industrial Economics

Academic Level: 100-199

2024 Admission onwards

Time: 2 Hours(120 Mins)

Max. Marks: 56

Part A. 6 Marks:Time 5 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Remember(RE)/Understand(UN)) Objective Type.1 mark each,
Answer all questions

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
1	Commercial banks provide finance to industries mainly in the form of _____. Options : A)Grants B)Loans C)Subsidies D)Land	RE	1
2	Small-scale industries are important because they: Options : A)Increase imports B)Reduce agricultural output C)Generate employment opportunities D)Eliminate competition	RE	4
3	Institutional finance is important for industries because it: Options : A)Reduces industrial output B)Provides long-term financial support C) Eliminates market competition D)Discourage investments	UN	2
4	Market conduct refers to: Options : A)Behaviour of firms in the market B) Government budget C) Agricultural production D)Foreign trade policy	UN	1
5	Passive behaviour of a firm generally means: Options : A)Lack of response to market changes B)Aggressive competition C)Expansion into global markets D)Heavy advertisement spending	UN	1
6	Public sector reforms in India aim to _____.	UN	3

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
	Options : A)Increase government control over all industries B) Ban private investment C)Close all public sector firms D)Make public sector firms more efficient and competitive		

Part B. 10 Marks.Time:20 Minutes (Cognitive Level:Understand(UN)/Apply(AP))Two-three sentences.2 marks each.Answer all questions

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
7	How do pension funds and insurance companies contribute to long-term capital formation in an economy?	UN	2
8	Briefly explain Weber's theory of industrial location. What is the main factor it focuses on?	UN	2
9	A few firms together decide to fix the price of cement in the market. What is this arrangement called?Briefly explain it.	AP	1
10	11. Mention any two objectives of public sector reforms	AP	3
11	The government introduces labour reforms to improve workers security and industrial relations. Mention one or two expected outcome.	AP	3

Part C. 16 Marks.Time:35 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Apply(AP)/Analyse(AN))Short Answer.4 marks each, Answer all 4 questions,choosing among options * within each question

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
12	A) Explain the role of Commercial Banks, Share Market, Insurance Companies, and Pension Funds as sources of industrial finance. OR B) Illustrate how different modes of finance are used by industries to meet short-term and long-term financial requirements.	AP	3, 3
13	A) Distinguish between Plant, Firm, Cartel, and Industry with suitable examples. OR B) Examine the organisation of a firm with respect to ownership, passive behaviour, and seller's concentration. How do these factors shape investment decisions?	AP	2, 1

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
14	A) Examine the environmental issues arising from industrial growth in India and critically discuss policy measures to address them. OR B) Examine the role of MNCs in the Indian industrial sector.	AN	4, 4
15	A) Analyse the relationship between market concentration and competition. OR B) A company decides to establish its factory near a raw material source. Apply the theory of industrial location to explain the decision.	AN	3, 3

Part D. 24 Marks. Time: 60 Minutes. (Cognitive Level :Analyse(AN)/Evaluate(EV)/Create(CR)) Long Answer 6 Marks each. Answer all 4 questions choosing among options * within each question

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
16	A) Analyse the causes and consequences of industrial sickness in India. OR B) Analyse the factors influencing industrial location.	AN	4, 3
17	A) 27. Discuss the effects of labour market flexibility on employment and industrial performance OR B) Evaluate the issues and policies of Labor market reforms in India.	EV	4, 3
18	A) Interpret and evaluate Sargent Florence's theory of industrial location as an improvement over classical location theories. How effectively does it explain modern industrial location decisions, and what are its major limitations? OR B) Evaluate Weber's theory of industrial location.	EV	3, 3

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
19	A) Design a policy framework to reduce industrial sickness in public sector enterprises. OR B) Prepare a report on the industrial growth of your locality.	CR	4, 5

Model Question Paper