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University of Kerala

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Discipline Specific Core Course

ECONOMICS

UK2DSCECO105 - Economic History of India

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	Occupational structure refers to: Options : A)Religious composition B)Distribution of workers among sectors C)Structure of government D)Trade balance	RE	2
2	Bengal Famine occurred in Options : A)1876 B)1899 C)1943 D)1918	RE	1
3	Which of the following major Indian industries experienced significant indigenous growth and investment during the early 20th century despite colonial constraints? Options : A)Foreign Shipping B)Textiles and Steel C)Heavy Chemicals D)Telecommunications	UN	2
4	What was the primary objective of the colonial administration's infrastructure development, particularly the expansion of the Railways? Options : A)To facilitate rapid urbanization and educational access for Indians B)To extract raw materials to ports and distribute imported British manufactured goods C)To encourage heavy machinery manufacturing within India D)To equalize income distribution across various provinces	UN	2
5	Drain Theory was proposed by: Options : A) Mahatma Gandhi B)Dadabhai Naoroji C)Nehru D)Tilak	UN	1

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
6	Under the Ryotwari system, land revenue settlements were made directly with the: Options : A)Village community as a whole B)Zamindars C)Individual cultivators (Ryots) D)Local chieftains	UN	2

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	13.Discuss the administrative and economic control exercised by the British in India.	UN	2
8	16.Highlight the impact of World Wars on the Indian economy.	UN	2
9	Characteristics of colonial exploitation	AP	1
10	If literacy rates increased in a region during the colonial period, how might this affect the region's economic well-being?	AP	3
11	If the British administration introduced a new tax on agricultural produce, how would it influence the flow of wealth from India to Britain?	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 pattern of trade during colonization. OR B) Write down the overview of basic indicators of economic well-being and development	AP	3, 3
13	A) Elucidate the pattern of industrial development during the Colonial Period OR B) Explain the agrarian distress during the Colonial Period	AP	3, 3
14	A) To what extent did British rule lead to economic stagnation of India	AN	1, 1

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
	OR B) Analyze the impact of colonial institutional structure on Indian administration.		
15	A) Analyse the relationship between deindustrialization and rural distress. OR B) Examine the economic causes that led to the emergence of Indian nationalism.	AN	4, 4

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) 20. Analyze the impact of British land revenue systems on Indian peasants. OR B) Compare and contrast the three major land revenue systems introduced by the British: the Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari, and Mahalwari systems. Analyze how each system altered traditional agrarian property rights and contributed to rural indebtedness.	AN	4, 4
17	A) Evaluate the impact of British industrial policies on indigenous industries in India. OR B) Assess the extent to which colonial agricultural policies were responsible for rural poverty and indebtedness.	EV	5, 5
18	A) Critically evaluate the impact of colonial trade policies on Indian economy. OR B) 24. Evaluate the colonial legacy in shaping the modern Indian economy.	EV	3, 3
19	A) Develop a plan for improving agricultural productivity in colonial India while protecting peasant interests.	CR	6, 4

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
	OR B) Create a detailed plan to promote indigenous industries during colonial rule in India		

Model Question Paper