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M.A. Winter Semester

ECONOMICS

Course 006 – Economic Development and Policy in India

(Admissions of 1999 & onwards)

Time : 2-1/2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

(Write your Roll No. on the top of immediately on receipt of this question paper).

Attempt four questions in all. Question 1 and any three of the remaining questions. Questions 1-3 should be attempted in a booklet marked Part A and questions 4-5 in a Booklet marked part B.

1. [COMPULSORY]: Explain briefly the extent to which migration, mortality, maternal education, and regional effects, among other factors, explain the worsening gender equality in child nutritional outcomes. (10)
2. To what extent have increasing minimum support prices for wheat and rice been responsible for food price inflation? Comment in particular on the changing role of agricultural price policy over the years. (20)
3. What are the mechanisms by which non-farm growth is expected to contribute to increased employment and lower poverty. What has been the experience in rural India on the relative role of the non-farm sector in lower rural poverty? (20)
4. (a) The two main sources of data on the organized manufacturing sector in India are the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) and the CMIE Prowess database. Explain why Goldar and Agarwal, Goldberg et al (GKPT), and Mitra and Ural chose either ASI or Prowess or both, in their research on the impact of economic reforms on Indian industry.
(b) How did each of the above articles quantify India's trade reforms? What problems might arise with these measures?
(c) Why did Goldberg et al confine their study to the period 1989-97? (7, 7, 6)
5. (a) With reference to the charts and tables reproduced in the statistical appendix that will be given to you separately, compare the methodology and findings of various authors on σ -convergence and β -convergence of per capita incomes (or state domestic products) across Indian states.
(b) Explain how Datt and Ravallion obtained the figures reported in their Table 5, reproduced in the statistical appendix provided to you. What were their conclusions based on this Table? (10, 10)