

RBI Grade “B” Officer Mains / Phase II

English Paper 1

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Common instructions

- (1) 3 hours, 100 marks
- (2) Answer any five questions.
- (3) All questions carry equal marks.
- (4) Answers may be written either in English or in Hindi at the candidate's option. However, all the questions should be answered only in the language so chosen. Answer-books written partly in English and partly in Hindi will not be evaluated.
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2007

1. Discuss the impact of growth on poverty alleviation in the context of empirical evidence on the Indian economy.
2. Elaborate the issues related to 'global warming and climate changes in the context of measures required for sustainable development.
3. What is meant by openness of an economy? What are the various ways of measuring the same? Comment on the openness of the Indian economy and discuss the implications of the same for the conduct of monetary and fiscal policies.

- engines of economic growth'. Do you agree with this view? Substantiate your viewpoint.
5. Critically examine the institutional and operational aspects of health care system in India.
 6. Highlight the dimensions of child labour in India and critically evaluate the policies designed to eradicate this problem.
 7. What are the various forms of Regional integration? 'Regional Integration is stumbling block rather than building block for multilateralism'. Do you agree with this view? Substantiate your viewpoint.
 8. What do you mean by Human Development Index (HDI)? Explain its composite indices and comment on the appropriateness of HDI as an indicator of welfare.
 9. Highlight the problems associated with urbanization and migration in India. Examine the adequacy of policies to address the problems emanating due to these phenomena.
 10. Write short notes on any two of the following:-
 - a. Demographic Dividend
 - b. Public Debt in India
 - c. Foreign Institutional Investment in India
 - d. Sex ratio in India.

2008

1. Qs.
 - (a) Why, do you think, has inflation become a major problem in India? 10
 - (b) Suggest suitable measures to control this inflation.10
2. Examine the impact of India's economic reforms on unemployment and poverty.20
3. Discuss India's present economic policy on the following subjects:—
 - (a) Role of MNCs. 10
 - (b) Capital Account Convertibility. 10
4. Discuss the major changes in the foreign exchange rate policy in India since 1991. 20
5. Qs
 - (a) What are the problems of Scheduled Castes in India? 10
 - (b) Discuss the impact of the reservation policy on Scheduled Castes and Tribes in India. 10
6. Qs
 - (a) Analyze the harmful effects of rapid urbanization in India. 10
 - (b) How can they be removed? 10
7. Discuss the suitability of the following for India:-
 - (a) Presidential form of Government. 10
 - (b) Parliamentary form of Government. 10
8. "Human resource development has not received the significance it deserves in India." Do you agree with this view? Discuss. 20
9. Qs
 - (a) What are the weaknesses of India's Higher Education System? 10
 - (b) What changes, do you think, are needed in this system? 10
10. Write short notes (any two):-
 - (a) Impact of economic development on environment.
 - (b) Unorganized sector in India.
 - (c) Significance of WTO for India.
 - (d) Privatization in India.

2009

- (a) Explain the factors responsible for the fall in the incidence of poverty in India.
 - (b) India's concern with poverty alleviation has mostly remained at the rhetorical level. Explain.
2. Qs
 - (a) What is the relationship between development and environment?
 - (b) What are the measures undertaken by the government to prevent environment damage?
3. Qs
 - (a) India's organized manufacturing sector has jobless growth which is a matter of serious concern. Do you agree? Discuss.
 - (b) Suggest suitable policy for employment generation in India.
4. Qs
 - (a) Discuss the problems faced by the public sector in India.
 - (b) Explain the policy measures adopted by the government in the area of disinvestment.
5. Examine the role of caste in Indian society and polity. (b) What is the impact of casteism on Indian political system?
6. Qs
 - (a) Explain the terms current account, capital account in India's balance of payments and bring out their significance.
 - (b) Discuss the policies adopted by the government to attract foreign direct investment in India.
7. Qs
 - (a) Discuss the important issues of .concern to developing countries like India, arising out of WTO agreement.
 - (b) Critically examine how trade blocs create obstacles to free international trade.
8. Qs
 - (a) Examine the nature of fiscal crisis which has emerged in India in recent times.
 - (b) In the background of economic crisis, there is a need to consider the policies to promote banking system. Do you agree? Substantiate your view point.
9. Qs
 - (a) 'Human development level in India is low because of inadequate spending on education and health. 'Comment.
 - (b) State measures adopted by the Government to promote human development in India.
10. Write short notes on any two of the following:-
 - (a) Globalization and changing status of women.
 - (b) SEZ: Boom or Bane.
 - (c) Coalition government and governance in India.
 - (d) Role of MNCs.

2010

1. Qs
 - a. ' Inequality of income distribution is a global phenomenon '. Discuss.
 - b. Suggest suitable measures to reduce inequality of income in rural and urban sector in India.
2. Examine the impact of policy of liberalization on rural and urban employment and poverty.
3. Critically evaluate India's Free Trade Policy in the post reform period. (b) Explain the recent developments in the exchange rate of rupee.
4. ' Development projects are considered as temples of modern India '. Justify your answer with reference to their impact on environment and health.
5. Qs

- ii) Explain the changes in public administration in the age of globalization and liberalization.
- 9) Two Questions
- i) Caste factor is most dominant and omnipresent in Indian politics'. Discuss the statement with suitable illustration.
 - ii) Explain the impact of reservation policy on scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.
- 10) Write notes on any two :
- i) Impact of globalization on culture, media and technology.
 - ii) Role of small and medium enterprises in Indian economy.
 - iii) Privatization of higher education.
 - iv) IMF in the changing world.

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(Maximum Marks—100)

PAPER II

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES

- N. B.*—(1) Answer any *five* questions.
(2) All questions carry *equal* marks.
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1. (a) Distinguish between economic growth and economic development.
(b) Explain various aspects of economic development incorporating the core values of development.
2. (a) Explain the linkage between environment and economic development.
(b) Comment on the new theme of Rio+20 conference: 'Green economy path to sustainable development.'
3. (a) 'Monetary policy is not a panacea for India's long term economic challenges'. Discuss.
(b) Explain the comparative performance of public sector banks, new private sector banks and foreign banks in India after the introduction of reforms.
4. (a) What are the factors that influence rural-urban migration?
(b) How does migration affect economic development?
5. (a) Examine the position of women in informal sector.
(b) Why does female labour force participation ratio decline with better economic conditions in India ?
6. (a) Examine foreign exchange reserves and external commercial borrowings as methods of financing deficit in Balance of Payments.
(b) Discuss the role of R.B.I. in controlling exchange rate fluctuations.

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7. (a) Examine the role of infrastructure in economic development.
(b) Discuss the positive and negative implications of service sector growth in the process of economic development.
 8. (a) Why the focus of discussion on human development has shifted from quantity of growth to quality of growth?
(b) Discuss the need of involvement of corporate sector in higher education.
 9. (a) Examine the changing political values in India.
(b) Discuss the suitability of presidential form of Government for India.
 10. Write notes on (any *two*):—
 - (a) Food security to all
 - (b) Poverty : a multi-dimensional problem
 - (c) Impact of W.T.O. on Indian Agricultural Trade
 - (d) Role of planning in liberalised economy.
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