

Indian Institute of Technology Patna
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

HS331 (Sociology of Development)
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Duration: 3 hours

Total Marks: 50

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

- 1) Development is different and, yet, related to change, growth, and modernization. Explain with examples. Why is good governance important for development?
- 2) What is Human Development Report? What are the important dimensions of Human Development Index (HDI)? Calculate the HDI when life expectancy at birth is 66.4 years, mean years of schooling is 4.4, expected years of schooling is 11.7, and gross national income-per capita is 5,150.
- 3) Technology is an important component of development. What technological innovative intervention can you make to solve an important developmental need of contemporary India?
- 4) What is poverty? What is the difference between relative and absolute poverty? Examine the multi-dimensional poverty index. Does it capture the complexities of poverty and inform policies better?
- 5) What perpetuates the caste system? Discuss the hindrances it creates for development in contemporary India. Does the liaison of caste with representative politics negate inclusive development?
- 6) Why is the injustice frame important in a social movement? What are the important stages of any social movement? Explain these using examples from social movements of international repute.
- 7) Not only through remittances but people in the diaspora can contribute significantly in varied ways for the development of their place of origin. Evaluate. What role does ICT play in facilitating their contributions?