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## Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, December 2023

### First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

### **Economics**

**Core Course VIII** 

EC 1543: READINGS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

### SECTION - A

Answer all questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Wealth of Nations
- 2. Surplus Value
- 3. Labor Theory of Value
- 4. Class Struggle
- 5. Capitalist Crisis
- 6. Gender
- 7. Child Mortality
- 8. MDGs
- 9. Social Justice
- 10. Affirmative Action

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$ 

#### SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions not exceeding a paragraph. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. What is the concept of 'division of labor' as discussed by Adam Smith?
- 12. How does Ricardo's theory of rent relate to the differential use of land?
- 13. In Marx's theory, what is the primary goal of the CMC circuit?
- 14. Discuss the general formula for capital as presented by Karl Marx.
- 15. What are the fundamental ideas of Adam Smith's perspective on political economy?
- 16. List out the key economic and political events leading up to the Great Depression.
- 17. Briefly explain the concept 'Mandarin Revolution' in the context of the Great Depression.
- 18. What are some of the dimensions of poverty that the MDGs aimed to address?
- 19. Describe the Discriminatory Behavior.
- 20. Give a brief account of the role of male education in influencing fertility rates.
- 21. Distinguish between fiscal policy and monetary policy.
- 22. Give an account of gender equality and women empowerment.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ 

### SECTION - C

Answer any six questions not exceeding 120 words. Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. How does Ricardo differentiate between economic rent and differential rent? Discuss.
- 24. Differentiate Marx's MCM circuit and CMC circuit in terms of its economic objectives.
- 25. Describe Joseph Schumpeter's theory of creative destruction and its implications.

- 26. What major economic and social changes are discussed in the book 'The Age of Uncertainty'?
- 27. Discuss the basic factors determining fertility.
- 28. Give a brief account of education and economic development.
- 29. Discuss the pros and cons of Economic nationalism.
- 30. Examine the Marxian understanding in the Recent Crisis in Global Capitalism.
- 31. Briefly discuss the meaning and need for political representation.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

# SECTION - D

Answer any two questions not exceeding 4 pages. Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. How does market size influence specialization according to Adam Smith? Explain.
- 33. Compare and contrast the economic perspectives of Adam Smith and John Maynard Keynes.
- 34. Give an overview of Ancient Indian economic thought.
- 35. Discuss the rationale for integrating gender equality into the analysis and implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$