

**Marking Scheme**  
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**Senior School Certificate Examination, 2026**  
**ECONOMICS (SUBJECT CODE – 030)**  
**(PAPER CODE – 58/4/1)**

**General Instructions: -**

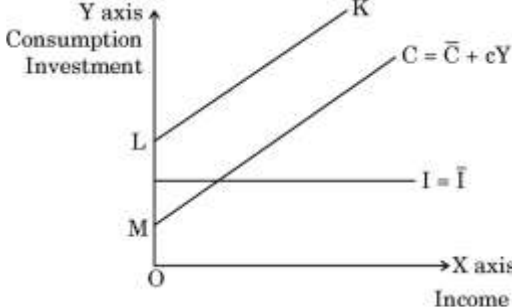
<b>1</b>	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
<b>2</b>	<b>“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”</b>
<b>3</b>	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. <b>However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In Class XII, while evaluating competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.</b>
<b>4</b>	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
<b>5</b>	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
<b>6</b>	Evaluators will mark( √ ) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put right (✓) while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. <b>This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.</b>

7	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totaled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
8	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.
9	If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “ <b>Extra Question</b> ”.
10	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
11	A full scale of marks 80 has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).
13	<p>Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:- Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrong totaling of marks awarded on an answer.</li> <li>• Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.</li> <li>• Wrong question wise totaling on the title page.</li> <li>• Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.</li> <li>• Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page.</li> <li>• Wrong grand total.</li> <li>• Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same.</li> <li>• Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list.</li> <li>• Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.)</li> <li>• Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.</li> </ul>
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
15	Any un assessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totaling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “ <b>Guidelines for spot Evaluation</b> ” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totaled and written in figures and words.
18	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

**MARKING SCHEME**  
Senior School Certificate Examination 2026  
**ECONOMICS (Subject Code–030)**  
[Paper Code: 58/4/1]

**Maximum Marks: 80**

Q. No.	EXPECTED ANSWER / VALUE POINTS	Marks
<b>SECTION A</b> <b>Macro Economics</b>		
1.	Assuming for an imaginary economy, consumption at zero level of income and break-even level of income is ₹ 50 and ₹ 200 respectively. Choose the correct value of Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC), from the following: (A) 0.8 (B) 0.9 (C) 0.75 (D) 0.85 <b>Ans. (C) 0.75</b>	<b>1</b>
2.	Read the following statements carefully: <i>Statement I:</i> The measurement of value makes it easier to compare the relative worth of two commodities. <i>Statement II:</i> Money facilitates the act of sale and purchase of goods and services. In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following: (A) Statement I is true and Statement II is false. (B) Statement I is false and Statement II is true. (C) Both Statements I and II are true. (D) Both Statements I and II are false. <b>Ans. (C) Both Statements I and II are true.</b>	<b>1</b>
3.	To arrive at the value of National Income ( $NNP_{FC}$ ), _____ must be added to _____ at factor cost. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks) <b>Options:</b> (A) Depreciation, Net Domestic Product (B) Depreciation, Gross Domestic Product (C) Net Factor Income from Abroad, Net Domestic Product (D) Net Indirect Taxes, Gross Domestic Product <b>Ans. (C) Net Factor Income from Abroad, Net Domestic Product</b>	<b>1</b>
4.	Under _____ exchange rate system, the competent authority may devalue currency to increase exports. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) <b>Options:</b> (A) Fixed (B) Floating (C) Managed (D) Fixed floating <b>Ans. (A) Fixed</b>	<b>1</b>
5.	Investment is defined as addition to the _____. (i) Stock of physical capital (ii) Changes in the inventory (iii) Consumption (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank) <b>Options:</b> (A) Only (i) (B) (i) and (ii) (C) (i) and (iii) (D) (i), (ii) and (iii) <b>Ans. (B) (i) and (ii)</b>	<b>1</b>

6.	<p>Suppose, a banking system received primary deposits of ₹ 1,000 and as a result commercial banks created credit worth ₹ 5,000.</p> <p>The value of Reserve Ratio in the given situation would be _____ percent. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank)</p> <p>(A) 10 (B) 20 (C) 25 (D) 40</p> <p><b>Ans. (B) 20</b></p>	1
7.	<p>Study the given image carefully: The line LK represents _____ curve.</p>  <p>(Choose the correct option to fill in the blank)</p> <p><b>Options:</b> (A) Consumption (B) Aggregate Supply (C) Aggregate Demand (D) Investment</p> <p><b>Ans. (C) Aggregate Demand</b></p> <p><i>Note : The following question is for Visually Impaired candidates only in lieu of Q. no. 7.</i></p> <p>_____ refers to that consumption, which is independent of the level of income. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank)</p> <p>(A) Autonomous Consumption (B) Induced Consumption (C) Break-even level (D) Autonomous Investment and Consumption</p> <p><b>Ans. (A) Autonomous Consumption</b></p>	1
8.	<p>Read the following statements: Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct option from those given below:</p> <p><i>Assertion (A):</i> Government can control the situation of deficient demand through its taxation policy.</p> <p><i>Reason (R):</i> Reduction in tax rates by the government leads to increase in the disposable income of the people.</p> <p><b>Options:</b> (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A). (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is <i>not</i> the correct explanation of Assertion (A). (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false. (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.</p> <p><b>Ans. (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).</b></p>	1
9.	<p>Reserve Bank of India (RBI) performs the function of Banker to the Banks by acting as a:</p> <p>(i) Clearing House (ii) Custodian of Cash Reserves (iii) Lender to the Government (iv) Periodic inspection of Banks</p>	

	<b>Options:</b> (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (ii) and (iii) (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) (D) (i) and (iv) <b>Ans. (C) (i), (ii) and (iv)</b>	<b>1</b>																																				
<b>10.</b>	Purchase of a property by an Indian resident abroad can be recorded on the _____ side of _____ account of Balance of Payments. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks) <b>Options:</b> (A) Credit, Capital (B) Credit, Current (C) Debit, Current (D) Debit, Capital <b>Ans. (D) Debit, Capital</b>	<b>1</b>																																				
<b>11. (a)</b>	<b>On the basis of the given data, estimate the value of Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost (GDP<sub>FC</sub>):</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th><th>Items</th><th>Amount (in ₹ crore)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>(i)</td><td>Private final consumption expenditure</td><td>800</td></tr> <tr><td>(ii)</td><td>Government final consumption expenditure</td><td>700</td></tr> <tr><td>(iii)</td><td>Net imports</td><td>200</td></tr> <tr><td>(iv)</td><td>Gross public investment</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>(v)</td><td>Inventory investment</td><td>50</td></tr> <tr><td>(vi)</td><td>Gross residential construction investment</td><td>300</td></tr> <tr><td>(vii)</td><td>Net indirect taxes</td><td>70</td></tr> <tr><td>(viii)</td><td>Gross business fixed investment</td><td>130</td></tr> <tr><td>(ix)</td><td>Consumption of fixed capital</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>(x)</td><td>Interest</td><td>150</td></tr> <tr><td>(xi)</td><td>Net factor income paid to abroad</td><td>100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <b>Ans. Gross Domestic Product at Market Price (GDP<sub>MP</sub>)</b> $= (i) + (ii) + \{(iv) + (v) + (vi) + (viii)\} - (iii)$ $= 800 + 700 + \{100 + 50 + 300 + 130\} - 200$ $= ₹1880 \text{ crore}$ <b>Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost (GDP<sub>FC</sub>) = GDP<sub>MP</sub> – (vii)</b> $= 1880 - 70$ $= ₹1810 \text{ crore}$ <b>OR</b>	S. No.	Items	Amount (in ₹ crore)	(i)	Private final consumption expenditure	800	(ii)	Government final consumption expenditure	700	(iii)	Net imports	200	(iv)	Gross public investment	100	(v)	Inventory investment	50	(vi)	Gross residential construction investment	300	(vii)	Net indirect taxes	70	(viii)	Gross business fixed investment	130	(ix)	Consumption of fixed capital	20	(x)	Interest	150	(xi)	Net factor income paid to abroad	100	<b>1</b> $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>3</b>
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<b>(b)</b>	Explain any two precautions to be kept in mind while estimating National Income by the Income method. <b>Ans. Two precautions to be adopted while estimating National Income by Income method are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income from sale of financial assets should not be included in the estimation of National Income, as such transactions are mere paper claims and do not add to the current flow of goods and services.</li> <li>Transfer income should not be included as such income is not earned through any productive activity and is unilateral in nature.</li> </ul> (Any other valid precaution to be awarded marks)	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ $1 \frac{1}{2}$ <b>3</b>																																				
<b>12.</b>	(a) Define Money Supply. <b>Ans. Money supply refers to the total volume of money held by the public at a particular point of time.</b>  (b) Explain any one component of money supply.	<b>1</b>																																				




	<p><b>Investment Multiplier</b> <math>= \frac{1}{1-MPC}</math></p> <p><math>= \frac{1}{1-0.8} = 5</math></p> <p>(Any other valid explanation to be awarded marks)</p>	<p>½</p> <p>½</p>
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15.	<p>Read the following passage carefully :</p> <p>“The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor announced a 50 basis points reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to 4% during the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) address on December 6. The Governor noted that this move reflects a balanced approach towards managing liquidity while ensuring economic stability.”</p> <p>Based on the above passage and common understanding, answer the following questions:</p> <p>(i) Explain the rationale and the likely impact of the decision taken by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).</p> <p><b>Ans. The decision of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to reduce Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) addresses the deflationary pressure in the economy. The rationale behind this reduction was to ensure infusion of greater liquidity in the economy to maintain overall economic stability.</b></p> <p><b>Reduction in the CRR will lead to greater availability of funds with the commercial banks, which may increase the lending capacity of commercial banks. Thereby, reducing CRR, will increase the money supply and Aggregate Demand in the economy, ultimately addressing the issue of deficient demand.</b></p> <p>(ii) Define Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).</p> <p><b>Ans. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) refers to the percentage of deposits which commercial banks are required to keep as cash reserves with the Central Bank.</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>4</p>
16. (a)	<p>(i) “The Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) is a key component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), aimed at providing affordable housing for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Lower-income Groups (LIG), and Middle-income Groups (MIG) in India.”</p> <p>Identify and explain the government budget objective highlighted in the above statement.</p> <p><b>Ans. The highlighted government budget objective is the ‘Redistribution Function’.</b></p> <p><b>Government can reduce inequalities of income through taxes and public expenditure like subsidies. The Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) of the government aims at providing affordable housing for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Lower-income Groups (LIG) and Middle-income Groups (MIG) in India. It will reduce the financial burden on these groups and will promote equitable distribution of income, thereby bridging the gap between rich and poor.</b></p> <p>(ii) Differentiate between the two types of tax revenue sources of the government.</p> <p><b>Ans. The two types of tax revenue sources of the government are Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes.</b></p> <p><b>Direct taxes are those taxes whose impact and incidence lies on the same entity. In other words, the liability of paying direct taxes can’t be shifted.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whereas;</b></p> <p><b>Indirect taxes are those taxes whose impact and incidence may lie on different entities. In other words, the liability of paying indirect taxes can be shifted.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1½</p> <p>1½</p> <p>6</p>

(b)	<p>(i) Medha, an economics student, was studying about the expenditure on defence incurred by the government in the form of acquiring new platforms (jets, submarines etc.), and salaries and pensions of armed forces personnel. She classified both the expenditures as capital expenditure. Do you agree with Medha's views? Give valid explanation in support of your answer.</p> <p><b>Ans. No. The expenditure on salaries and pensions of armed forces personnel is revenue expenditure as it neither leads to creation of assets nor reduces liabilities of the government.</b></p> <p><b>However, expenditure incurred by the government on acquiring new platforms (jets, submarines etc.) is capital expenditure as it leads to the creation of assets for the government.</b></p> <p>(ii) If, for an economy, Primary Deficit is ₹ 1,000 crore and interest payments are 20% of total borrowings of the government, then calculate the value of fiscal deficit.</p> <p><b>Ans. Primary Deficit (PD) = Fiscal Deficit (FD) – Interest Payment (IP)</b></p> $1000 = \text{FD} - 20\% \text{ of FD}$ $1000 = 80\% \text{ of FD}$ $\text{FD} = \frac{1000 \times 100}{80}$ <p><b>Fiscal Deficit = ₹ 1,250 crore</b></p>	<p>1 ½</p> <p>1 ½</p> <p>1 ½</p> <p>½</p> <p>½</p> <p><b>6</b></p>
17.	<p>Read the following passage carefully:</p> <p>The domestic product measures the value of all goods and services arising out of economic activity within a country over a specific period, while National Income is the sum total of income earned by all factors of production as a result of the economic activities during a period of time.</p> <p>National Income includes only those incomes which are derived directly from the current production of goods and services, which are called Factor Incomes.</p> <p>When National Income is measured at current prices over a number of years, the changes in National Income would include the effect of the changes in production along with the changes in prices. This estimate compared over the period would not be an accurate measure of the overall real increase in production of the country or the economic welfare of the people of the economy.</p> <p>Therefore, it would be necessary to eliminate the effect of prices, in other words, to recompute the whole series at given prices of one particular base year. National Income, thus computed, is termed as National Income at constant prices.</p> <p>On the basis of the above passage and common understanding, answer the following questions:</p> <p>(i) Differentiate between Domestic Product and National Product.</p> <p><b>Ans. Domestic Product refers to the value of all final goods and services arising out of economic activity within the domestic territory of a country over a specific period of time.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whereas;</b></p> <p><b>National Product measures the value of all final goods and services arising out of economic activity undertaken by the normal residents of a country over a specific period of time.</b></p> <p>(ii) 'National Income measured at constant prices is a better measure of the overall real increase in production of the country.'</p> <p>Justify the given statement with valid arguments.</p> <p><b>Ans. National Income measured at constant prices is a better indicator of the overall real increase in production of the country as it changes only with the change in physical output. Thus, it eliminates the effect of changes in prices, showing the real growth of the economy.</b></p>	<p>1 ½</p> <p>1 ½</p> <p><b>3</b></p>



	<b>In contrast, National Income measured at current year prices might change with the change in output or/and change in prices. (To be marked as a whole)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SECTION B</b> <b>Indian Economic Development</b>		
<b>18.</b>	<p>Read the following statements carefully:</p> <p><i>Statement I:</i> Worker Population Ratio is used for analyzing the overall employment situation of a country.</p> <p><i>Statement II:</i> A garment company has hired two workers on daily wage basis. Such a situation is considered as a formal sector employment.</p> <p>In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following:</p> <p>(A) Statement I is true and Statement II is false.            (B) Statement I is false and Statement II is true.            (C) Both Statements I and II are true.            (D) Both Statements I and II are false.</p> <p><b>Ans. (A) Statement I is true and Statement II is false.</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>19.</b>	<p>Identify the <b>incorrect</b> statement from the following.</p> <p>(A) Expansion of rural credit has helped the Indian farmers to increase their production and productivity.            (B) The expansion and promotion of the rural banking sector has taken a backseat after the economic reforms.            (C) It is an accepted fact that if, farmers sell their produce directly to consumers, their profitability increases.            (D) Farmers who have the required information on prevailing prices often sell their produce at low prices.</p> <p><b>Ans. (D) Farmers who have the required information on prevailing prices often sell their produce at low prices.</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>20.</b>	<p>Read the following statements: Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct option from those given below:</p> <p><i>Assertion (A):</i> Education is one of the important factors for economic growth of a country.</p> <p><i>Reason (R):</i> A healthy person could provide uninterrupted labour supply for a longer period of time.</p> <p><b>Options:</b></p> <p>(A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).            (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is <b>not</b> the correct explanation of Assertion (A).            (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.            (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.</p> <p><b>Ans. (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A).</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>21.</b>	<p>Which of the following is <b>not</b> an advantage of Green Revolution?</p> <p>(A) Increased marketed surplus            (B) Increase in prices of food grains            (C) Self-sufficiency in food grains            (D) Creation of buffer stock</p> <p><b>Ans. (B) Increase in prices of food grains</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>22.</b>	Based on the given image, choose the <b>incorrect</b> option:	

	 <p>(A) Information related to employment is collected by Union Ministry of Labour.          (B) International Labour Organization (ILO) has initiated modernization of this enterprise and the provision of social security measures to workers.          (C) Highly vulnerable to uncertainties of the market.          (D) An enterprise hires 10 or less than 10 workers.  <b>Ans. (A) Information related to employment is collected by Union Ministry of Labour.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>(B) International Labour Organization (ILO) has initiated modernization of this enterprise and the provision of social security measures to workers.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>(D) An enterprise hires 10 or less than 10 workers.</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>23.</b>	<p>Read the following statements carefully:  <i>Statement I:</i> Diversification in agriculture relates to change in cropping pattern and shift in workforce to allied activities.  <i>Statement II:</i> Agricultural marketing is a process that involves the assembling, storage, processing, transportation, packaging, grading and distribution of agro-products.          In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following:          (A) Statement I is true and Statement II is false.          (B) Statement I is false and Statement II is true.          (C) Both Statements I and II are true.          (D) Both Statements I and II are false  <b>Ans. (C) Both Statements I and II are true.</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>24.</b>	<p>Human Development is based on the idea that _____ and _____ are integral to human wellbeing. (Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks)          (A) Education, Wealth (B) Health, Wealth          (C) Education, Health (D) Health, Housing  <b>Ans. (C) Education, Health</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>25.</b>	<p>Identify the correct option with reference to the following statement:          “Farmers and industrial units were required to transact fixed quantities of raw materials and finished goods on the basis of prices fixed by the government, while the rest were purchased and sold at market price.”  <b>Options:</b>          (A) Great Leap Forward          (B) Dual Pricing Policy          (C) Special Economic Zones (SEZs)          (D) Commune System  <b>Ans. (B) Dual Pricing Policy</b></p>	<b>1</b>
<b>26.</b>	<p>_____ was the successor organisation to General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT). (Choose the correct option to fill in the blank)          (A) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)          (B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)          (C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)          (D) World Trade Organisation (WTO)  <b>Ans. (D) World Trade Organisation (WTO)</b></p>	<b>1</b>

27.	<p>Read the following statements carefully:  <i>Statement I:</i> Population explosion, affluent consumption and production have placed a huge stress on the environment.  <i>Statement II:</i> Carrying capacity is the largest size of a density-dependent population for which the population growth rate is zero.  In the light of the given statements, choose the correct option from the following:  (A) Statement I is true and Statement II is false.  (B) Statement I is false and Statement II is true.  (C) Both Statements I and II are true.  (D) Both Statements I and II are false.  <b>Ans. (C) Both Statements I and II are true.</b></p>	1
28.	<p>Define Liberty Indicator and mention its significance.  <b>Ans. Liberty indicator may be defined as the measure of the extent of democratic participation in the social and political decision making.</b>  <b>Without including these indicators, the construction of a human development index may be incomplete and its usefulness limited.</b></p>	1 ½ 1 ½ 3
29.	<p>Anaya and Rohan owned separate farms. Anaya focused on learning modern farming techniques, training workers in crop rotation, soil management, and pest control. On the other hand, Rohan invested in advanced machinery, irrigation systems, HYV seeds.  “Both Anaya and Rohan invested in human capital.”  Do you agree with the given statement? Give valid argument in support of your answer.  <b>Ans. No. Rohan invested in physical capital by purchasing advanced machinery, irrigation systems and HYV seeds, which are tangible assets used in the production process.</b>  <b>In contrast, Anaya invested in human capital as she enhanced knowledge and skills by learning modern farming techniques and training workers in crop rotation, soil management and pest control.</b></p>	1 ½ 1 ½ 3
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(b)	<p>“Expenditure on preventive medicine, curative and social medicine helps in building human capital and economic development.”  Do you agree with the given statement? Give valid argument in support of your answer.  <b>Ans. Yes. Expenditure on health as a source of human capital formation, in an economy, may take different forms like expenditure on preventive medicine, curative medicine and social medicine, etc. A healthy person provides uninterrupted labour supply for a longer period of time. Thus, such expenditures lead to human capital formation, contributing towards economic development of the country.</b>  <b>(To be marked as a whole)</b></p>	3
30.	<p>“Infrastructural upliftment of India was one of the key features of the British rule in India.”  State and discuss any two such developments, in the light of the given statement, with self-serving interests of the British.  <b>Ans. Two infrastructural developments initiated by the British in India, with self-serving interests were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development of roads and railways:</b> The roads and railways were built primarily to mobilise the army within India, drawing out raw materials from the countryside to the nearest railway station/port to export.</li> <li>• <b>Development of communication system:</b> Communication tools like telephone and telegraph were introduced to strengthen administrative control and maintain law and order across the country.</li> </ul> <p><b>(Any other valid development to be awarded marks)</b></p>	½ + 1 ½ ½ + 1 ½ 4
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(b)	<p>“In the post-independence era, India adopted a protective tariff policy.” Do you agree with the given statement? Justify your answer with any two valid arguments.</p> <p><b>Ans. Yes. In the post-independence era, India adopted a protective tariff policy to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>promote domestic production by substituting imports with locally produced goods.</b></li><li>• <b>safeguard emerging industries from intense foreign competition, allowing them to grow and develop sustainably.</b></li></ul>	<div>2</div> <div>2</div> <div>4</div>																																									
31.	<p>Elaborate, how the efforts of various governments in India have helped in generation of employment, directly or indirectly, in the nation.</p> <p><b>Ans. Government of India has played an important role in generating employment directly or indirectly in two ways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Direct Employment: The government directly provides jobs by recruiting people in administrative departments, public sector industries and government run organisations.</b></li><li>• <b>Indirect Employment: When government enterprises increase production, related private sector businesses also expand, creating additional job opportunities in the private sector.</b></li></ul>	<div>2</div> <div>2</div> <div>4</div>																																									
32.	<p>On the basis of the given data, outline and compare the share of Employment and Gross Value Added (GVA) of the sector that emerges to be a prospective employer in India and China.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sectoral Share of Employment and GDP (%) in 2021</b></p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Sector</th><th colspan="3">Contribution of GVA</th><th colspan="3">Distribution of workforce</th></tr><tr><th>India</th><th>China</th><th>Pakistan</th><th>India</th><th>China</th><th>Pakistan</th></tr><tr><td>Agriculture</td><td>19</td><td>8</td><td>24</td><td>46</td><td>23</td><td>37</td></tr><tr><td>Industry</td><td>29</td><td>39</td><td>20</td><td>25</td><td>32</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>Services</td><td>52</td><td>53</td><td>56</td><td>29</td><td>45</td><td>38</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>100</td><td>100</td><td>100</td><td>100</td><td>100</td><td>100</td></tr></table> <p><b>Ans. The given data pertains to the sectoral share of employment and Gross Value Added (GVA). Due to topographic and climatic conditions, the cultivable area in China is relatively smaller than that of India. Hence, the contribution of the agricultural sector to the GVA in China is 8% employing 23% of its workforce, whereas in India it is 19% employing 46% of its workforce. Owing to rapid industrialisation in China, the contribution of the industrial sector to GVA stands at 39% with 32% of the workforce as against corresponding figures of 29% and 25% in India. Both the nations have similar contribution of the Service sector to GVA standing at 52% and 53% with corresponding 29% and 45% to the workforce, respectively in India and China. (To be marked as a whole)</b></p>	Sector	Contribution of GVA			Distribution of workforce			India	China	Pakistan	India	China	Pakistan	Agriculture	19	8	24	46	23	37	Industry	29	39	20	25	32	25	Services	52	53	56	29	45	38	Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	<div>4</div>
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33. (a)	<p>(i) “As per a few scholars, fertilizer subsidies should now be phased out, as they have served their purpose.” Do you agree with the given statement? Justify your answer with valid arguments.</p> <p><b>Ans. Yes. Subsidies are meant to benefit the farmers but a substantial amount of fertiliser subsidy also benefits the fertiliser industry; and among farmers, the subsidy largely benefits the farmers in the more prosperous regions. This limits the effectiveness of subsidies in reaching the intended beneficiaries. Additionally, such subsidies impose a heavy fiscal burden on the government. Therefore, phasing them out and adopting better-targeted support measures would be more efficient and equitable. (To be marked as a whole)</b></p>	<div>4</div>																																									

