

B.Sc. 5th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2020-2021

ECONOMICS

Course ID: 51616

Course Code: SH/ECO/503/DSE-1.2

Course Title: Economic History of India (1857–1947)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any five of the following questions: 2×5=10

- a. Mention one feature of Indian irrigation system during 1857-1947.
- b. When and where was the first cotton mill of India set up?
- c. Write down one form of colonial exploitation that occurred through international trade and capital flow.
- d. What do you mean by colony?
- e. When did Bengal face serious famine during the British rule in India?
- f. Name the station of origin of Indian Railway from where it first steams off?
- g. Name the proponent of the theory of economic drain.
- h. What do you mean by Zamindari system?

2. Answer any four of the following questions: 5×4=20

- a. Explain the trends with regard to population growth in India for the period 1857-1947.

- b. Write down the causes of famine as faced by the Indian economy during 1857-1947.
- c. What are the factors that necessitated the development of railway network in India during British rule?
- d. Explain the Mahalwari system of land tenure.
- e. Write a short note on occupancy tenant.
- f. Explain the features of Indian economy as a colonial economy.

3. Answer any one of the following questions: 10×1=10

- a. Write about the causes and consequences of de-industrialisation as faced by Indian economy during 1857-1947. (5+5)
- b. Explain the causes and effects of commercialisation of Indian agriculture in between the years 1857 and 1947. (5+5)