

**MA RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
SECOND SEMESTER  
ECONOMIC POLICIES & PLANNING IN INDIA  
MRD - 205**

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

( PART-A : Objective )

Time : 20 min.

Marks : 20

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

*1 × 20 = 20*

1. "Formulation of objectives to be achieved within definite time frame" is an implication of
  - a. Planning
  - b. Programme
  - c. Project
  - d. None of these
2. NDC stands for
  - a. National Development Centre
  - b. National Development Corporation
  - c. National Development Cooperative
  - d. National Development Council
3. Who was the first chairperson of Planning Commission?
  - a. Lal Bahadur Shastri
  - b. J L Nahru
  - c. Mahatma Gandhi
  - d. M S Ahluwalia
4. Who was the architect of Second Five Year Plan?
  - a. P C Mahalanobis
  - b. C P Mahalanobis
  - c. M N Ray
  - d. None of them
5. "Heavy Industry Strategy" was highlighted during
  - a. First Five Year Plan
  - b. Second Five Year Plan
  - c. Third Five Year Plan
  - d. Fourth Five Year Plan
6. PURA was an idea developed by
  - a. APJ Abdul Kalam
  - b. Amartya Sen
  - c. Md Yunus
  - d. None of them
7. Which year Ninth Five Year Plan was introduced?
  - a. 1995
  - b. 1996
  - c. 1997
  - d. 1999
8. Which plan focused on "Towards faster and More Inclusive Growth"?
  - a. Eighth Five Year Plan
  - b. Ninth Five Year Plan
  - c. Tenth Five Year Plan
  - d. Eleventh Five Year Plan
9. Which of the following sector received the highest grant during Twelfth Five Year Plan?
  - a. Social Service
  - b. Energy
  - c. Transport
  - d. Communications

10. NSSO stands for  
 a. National Sample Survey Organisation      b. National Survey Study Organisation  
 c. National Social Survey Organisation      d. Non of these
11. Rolling Plan year  
 a. 1978-80      b. 1980-82  
 c. 1963-65      d. None of these
12. In which year Indian Planning Commission was set up?  
 a. 1952      b. 1950  
 c. 1951      d. 1953
13. Which year was considered as Plan Holiday?  
 a. 1951-53      b. 1969-71  
 c. 1966-69      d. None of these
14. What is/are the main economic reform(s)?  
 a. Liberalisation      b. Privatisation  
 c. Globalisation      d. All of these
15. The Planning Commission of India is  
 a. A constitutional body      b. An independent and autonomous body  
 c. A statutory body      d. A non-statutory body
16. The concept of Economic planning in India is derived from  
 a. USA      b. UK  
 c. Russia      d. Australia
17. Mixed Economy is the outcome of the compromise between  
 a. Capitalist & Socialist      b. Idealist & Liberalist  
 c. Marxist & Socialist      d. None of these
18. Under whose prime-ministership 19 banks were nationalised  
 a. J L Nehru      b. Rajiv Gandhi  
 c. Manmohan Singh      d. Indira Gandhi
19. Who among the following holds the port folio of Cabinet Minister of HRD  
 a. Smriti Irani      b. Sushma Swaraj  
 c. Prakash Javedkar      d. Arun Jaitley
20. Who is the ex-officio Chairperson of Planning Commission?  
 a. Prime Minister of India      b. Minister of Finance  
 c. Minister of Defence      d. Minister of Planning

**( PART-B : Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

*[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]*

1. Explain the characteristics of planning or a planned economy. 10
2. a. Define Economic Planning. 5+5=10  
 b. Why do we need regional development?
3. a. Define Food Security. 4+6=10  
 b. Analyse the concept of food self-sufficiency and food security in Indian context.
4. a. Give a brief concept of Mahalanobis Strategy. 6+4=10  
 b. Critically explain the reason of its failure.
5. a. Define poverty? What are the different types of poverty? 5+5=10  
 b. Write an account on the studies of poverty in India.
6. a. What is Balanced Regional Development? 6+4=10  
 b. Write the causes responsible for regional imbalance in India.
7. a. What is Public Distribution System? 5+5=10  
 b. Critically analyse the Public Distribution System in India.
8. a. Analyse the various indicators of regional imbalances in India. 6+4=10  
 b. Explain the concept of regional inequalities as per the Myrdal thesis.

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