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ECONOMICS

Paper: ECO-2046

(Development Economics)

Full Marks: 80

Time: Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

- 1. Answer the following questions: $5\times4=20$
 - (a) How does the problem of debt servicing arise in a developing economy?
 - (b) Why is the issue of educational financing important for a country? What are the criteria used for judging the system of educational financing?
 - (c) What do you mean by "secular deterioration in terms of trade"?
 - (d) Mention three merits of aid.

- 2. Answer **any three** of the following: 10×3=30
 - (a) Explain how watershed management can be regarded as an iterative process of integrated decision-making.
 - (b) Discuss the dual-gap analysis using the Harrod-Domar model.
 - (c) How are the indirect costs of education calculated? Discuss the limitations of cost-benefit analysis as a tool to calculate the returns of education.

2+8=10

- (d) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of foreign direct investment on a developing country.
- (e) What are indirect/dynamic gains from trade? State the dynamic gains which accrue to the UDLs from international trade.
- 3. Answer any two of the following:

15×2=30

(a) How are the costs and benefits of health care calculated? In the same context describe the cost-effectiveness analysis method of evaluating health care facilities.

10+5=15

- (b) Establish the hypothesis that differences in economic institutions is the most fundamental cause of differences in per capita incomes. Highlight some pitfalls of institutional reforms.

 12+3=15
- (c) Define 'Sustainable Development'. Explain the differences between weak sustainability and strong sustainability. Discuss the role of the state in environmental preservation. 3+4+8=15