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<b>10.</b>	Read the following statements: Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct alternative from those given below: <i>Assertion (A):</i> In case of an unfavourable Balance of Trade, the Current Account of the nation may be in surplus. <i>Reason (R):</i> Net invisible receipts of a nation can exceed the Net visible receipts. Alternatives: (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A). (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is <i>not</i> the correct explanation of the Assertion (A). (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false. (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true. <b>Ans. (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).</b>	<b>1</b>																														
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<b>(b)</b>	State any three precautions to be taken while estimating National Income by Expenditure Method. <b>Ans. Three precautions to be taken while estimating National Income by Expenditure Method are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenditure on intermediate goods should not be included.</li> <li>• Expenditure on purchase of second-hand goods should not be included.</li> <li>• Expenditure on purchase of financial instruments (shares, bonds, debentures etc.) should not be included. (Any other valid precaution to be awarded marks)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <b>1</b> <b>1</b> <b>1</b> <b>3</b>																														
<b>12.</b>	Discuss any two factors which directly affect the demand for foreign exchange of a nation. <b>Ans. Two factors which directly affect the demand of foreign exchange of a nation are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Imports:</b> When a country imports goods and services, it needs to pay for these imports in the foreign currency. Therefore, higher imports result in higher demand for foreign exchange.</li> <li>• <b>Investments abroad:</b> When domestic investors make investments abroad, the payment is to be made in the foreign currency. This increases the demand for foreign exchange. (Any other valid factor/explanation to be awarded marks)</li> </ul>	<b>1 ½</b> <b>1 ½</b> <b>3</b>																														

13.	<p>Elaborate the two components of Aggregate Supply in a two-sector economy.</p> <p><b>Ans. In a two-sector economy, Aggregate Supply comprises of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Consumption (C):</b> It refers to the total value of final goods and services that the household sector is planning to buy, during a given period of time. There exists a direct relationship between Consumption (C) and Income (Y).</li> <li>● <b>Savings (S):</b> Savings is that part of income which is not consumed. There exists a direct relationship between Savings (S) and Income (Y).</li> </ul>	2 2 4									
14. (a)	<p>“Open Market Operations by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) help in regulating money supply in the economy.”</p> <p>Justify the given statement with valid arguments.</p> <p><b>Ans. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) can regulate the money supply in the economy by the sale/ purchase of government securities in the open market.</b></p> <p><b>When RBI sells government securities, the availability of funds with commercial banks reduces, which in turn curtails their lending capacity. Consequently, the money supply in the economy falls.</b></p> <p><b>On the contrary, when RBI buys government securities, the availability of funds with commercial banks rises, which in turn increases their lending capacity. Consequently, the money supply in the economy rises.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) Elaborate the ‘Government’s Bank and Advisor’ function of the Central Bank of a nation.</p> <p><b>Ans. The Central Bank acts as a banker to both central as well as state governments. The Central Bank maintains account, accepts receipts and makes payments for the government and carries out exchange, remittance and other banking operations. It advances credit/loan to the government to meet its requirements in case of crisis.</b></p> <p><b>As a financial advisor, the Central Bank advises the government on various financial and economic matters.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(To be marked as a whole)</b></p>	4 4									
15. (a)	<p>For a hypothetical economy, the government incurs an additional investment expenditure of ₹ 5,000 crore. Assuming that the Marginal Propensity to Save (MPS) becomes half from its present level of 20%, estimate the change in income due to this fall in Marginal Propensity to Save (MPS).</p> <p><b>Ans. Given, Change in Investment (<math>\Delta I</math>) = ₹ 5,000 crore</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="167 1256 1337 1547"> <thead> <tr> <th>MPS</th> <th>Investment Multiplier <math>K = \frac{1}{MPS}</math></th> <th>Change in Income (<math>\Delta Y</math>) <math>\Delta Y = K \times \Delta I</math> (₹ in crore)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0.20</td> <td><math>\frac{1}{0.2} = 5</math></td> <td><math>5 \times 5,000 = 25,000</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.10 (<math>\frac{1}{2} \times 20\%</math>)</td> <td><math>\frac{1}{0.1} = 10</math></td> <td><math>10 \times 5,000 = 50,000</math></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Hence, with the change in MPS from 0.20 to 0.10,</b></p> <p><b>Increase in Income (<math>\Delta Y</math>) = 50,000 – 25,000 = ₹ 25,000 crore</b></p>	MPS	Investment Multiplier $K = \frac{1}{MPS}$	Change in Income ( $\Delta Y$ ) $\Delta Y = K \times \Delta I$ (₹ in crore)	0.20	$\frac{1}{0.2} = 5$	$5 \times 5,000 = 25,000$	0.10 ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 20\%$ )	$\frac{1}{0.1} = 10$	$10 \times 5,000 = 50,000$	1 1 1
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16. (a) (i)	<p>Explain the concept of circular flow of income in a two-sector economy.</p> <p><b>Ans. In a two-sector economy model, households are the owners of factors of production (Land, Labour, Capital, Entrepreneur). Firms combine these factors of production to produce goods and services. They make factor payments (Rent, Wages, Interest, Profits) to households, which in turn, are spent by the households on the consumption of final goods and services.</b></p>	3									

	<p><b>Thus, the income earned by the factors of production flows back to the production units in the form of aggregate consumption expenditure, thereby completing the circular flow of income.</b> (To be marked as a whole)</p>																			
(ii)	<p>“Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and sum of Gross Value Added (GVA) in an economy are always equal.” Justify the given statement with valid arguments. <b>Ans. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) measures the market value of all the final goods and services produced within the domestic territory of a country, during an accounting year. Gross Value Added (GVA) measures the value addition by each production unit in an economy, during an accounting year.</b> <b>Therefore, the sum of Gross Value Added (GVA) by the three sectors is always equal to the Gross Domestic Product of the economy.</b> (To be marked as a whole)</p>	3																		
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(ii)	<p>State the meaning of ‘Income from Property and Entrepreneurship’. <b>Ans. Factor income earned in the form of rent, royalties, interest and profits are together called ‘Income from Property and Entrepreneurship’</b></p>	2																		
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<p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>State any two examples of private goods.  <b>Ans. Examples of private goods are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mobile phone purchased by an individual</b></li> <li>• <b>Water bottle purchased by an individual</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">(Any other valid example to be awarded marks)</p> <p>Distinguish between 'Public Provision' and 'Public Production'.  <b>Ans. Public provision refers to those goods that are financed through the government budget and can be used without any direct payment by public.</b>  <b>Whereas;</b>  <b>Public production relates to those goods which are directly produced by the government.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1/2 1/2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
<p><b>SECTION – B</b>  <b>(Indian Economic Development)</b></p>		
<p>18.</p>	<p>Read the following statements: Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Choose the correct alternative from those given below:  <i>Assertion (A):</i> The agricultural sector under the British rule was primarily the base of the sectoral growth of India  <i>Reason (R):</i> British rulers wanted to take maximum advantage of the Indian agricultural output, for growth of industries in England.  Alternatives:  (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).  (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is <i>not</i> the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).  (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.  (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.  <b>Ans. (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Identify which of the following alternatives are <i>not</i> true with reference to the Chinese economy.</p> <p>(i) In 1958, communes were established.  (ii) In the foreign sector, Special Economic Zones (SEZ) were set up.  (iii) Better health facilities reduced mortality rate in China.  Alternatives:  (A) (i) and (ii)  (B) (ii) and (iii)  (C) (i), (ii) and (iii)  (D) (i) and (iii)  <b>Ans. One mark to be awarded to all the candidates attempting the question</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>Which of the following is/are <i>not</i> an objective of regulated agricultural market?</p> <p>(i) To discourage improvement of marketing infrastructure for farmers.  (ii) To make marketing systems efficient and effective for farmers to get best price for their products.  (iii) To discourage farmers to improve the quantity and quality of their produce.  Alternatives:  (A) (i) and (iii)  (B) (ii) and (iii)  (C) (i) only  (D) (ii) only  <b>Ans. (A) (i) and (iii)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>

21.	<p>Read the following statements carefully:  <i>Statement 1:</i> Land ceiling was one of the Government policies to promote equity in the agriculture sector.  <i>Statement 2:</i> Land reforms resulted in abolition of the Zamindari system in the post independence period.  In light of the given statements, choose the correct alternative from the following:  (A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.  (B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.  (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true.  (D) Both Statements 1 and 2 are false.  <b>Ans. (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true.</b></p>	1
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23.	<p>Identify which of the following is <i>not</i> a member nation of G20.  (A) Argentina (B) Australia  (C) Brazil (D) Bangladesh  <b>Ans. (D) Bangladesh</b></p>	1
24.	<p>Production of varied forms of crops against one specialised crop is called diversification of _____.  (Choose the correct alternative to fill in the blank)  (A) sectoral occupation (B) employment structure  (C) crops (D) industrial production  <b>Ans. (C) crops</b></p>	1
25.	<p>Identify which of the following is <i>not</i> a Human Development Indicator (HDI).  (A) Life Expectancy at Birth (B) Adult Literacy Rate  (C) Maternal Mortality Rate (D) Unemployment  <b>Ans. (D) Unemployment</b></p>	1
26.	<p>Read the following statements carefully:  <i>Statement 1:</i> Human development is based on the idea that education and health are integral to human well-being.  <i>Statement 2:</i> Human capital treats humans as a means to an end.  In light of the given statements, choose the correct alternative from the following:  (A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false.  (B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true.  (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true.  (D) Both Statements 1 and 2 are false.  <b>Ans. (C) Both Statements 1 and 2 are true.</b></p>	1
27.	<p>On the basis of the data given below, identify the <i>incorrect</i> statement with reference to annual growth of GDP (%):</p>	

Annual Growth of Gross Domestic Product (%), 1980 - 2017			
Country	1980 - 90	2015 - 2017	
India	5.7	7.3	
China	10.3	6.8	
Pakistan	6.3	5.3	

Alternatives:  
 (A) Pakistan and China experienced a fall in growth rate during 2015-17.  
 (B) China achieved double-digit growth rate in 1980-1990.  
 (C) GDP of India accelerated moderately in 2015-2017 period.  
 (D) Pakistan was ahead of India during 1980-2017 in terms of GDP.  
**Ans. (D) Pakistan was ahead of India during 1980-2017 in terms of GDP.**

28.	<p>(a) “Trade and Investment Policy of India had undergone comprehensive changes in the post reforms period of 1991.” Do you agree with the given statement? Justify your answer with any two valid arguments. <b>Ans. Yes. Trade and Investment Policy of India had undergone comprehensive changes in the post reforms period of 1991. Liberalisation of this policy led to an increase in international competitiveness of industrial production and inflow of foreign investments and technology.</b> These policy reforms aimed at dismantling the structure of quantitative restrictions, reducing tariffs and relaxation in licensing procedure in foreign trade. Export duties were rationalised with an objective to promote exports of Indian goods in international markets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(To be marked as a whole)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) Discuss any two salient features of Indian industrial sector during the period of 1950-1990. <b>Ans. Two salient features of Indian Industrial Sector during the period of 1950-1990 are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public sector was assigned a predominant role in the process of industrial development of the economy.</li> <li>• Small scale industries were promoted with an objective to generate employment opportunities in the economy.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any other valid feature to be awarded marks)</p>	1
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29.	<p>“In India, National Education Policy 2020 has stressed a lot on in-service training of the teachers.”</p> <p>(i) Identify the source of Human Capital Formation (HCF) indicated in the aforesaid statement. <b>Ans. On-the-job training is the source of Human Capital Formation (HCF) indicated in the aforesaid statement.</b></p> <p>(ii) Elaborate the likely impacts of this source on the economic development of India. <b>Ans. On-the-job training has become an integral part of work environment in the recent times as it enhances the productive capacity of employees. It enables employees to develop skills and adapt to modern technologies. As a result of on-the-job training, an employee is likely to contribute more productively leading to the economic development of India.</b></p>	1
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30.	From the given data, compare and analyse India and China’s sectoral contribution towards Gross Value Added (GVA).	
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**Sectoral Share of Employment and GVA (%) in 2018 - 2019**

Sector	Contribution to GVA			Distribution of Workforce		
	India	China	Pakistan	India	China	Pakistan
Agriculture	16	7	24	43	26	41
Industry	30	41	19	25	28	24
Services	54	52	57	32	46	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Ans.** The given data shows the sectoral contribution in Gross Value Added (GVA) of India and China. In China, due to topographic and climatic conditions, the cultivable area is relatively smaller to that of India. Hence, the contribution of the agricultural sector to the GVA in China is 7%, whereas in India it is more than double to that of China i.e. 16%.

Owing to rapid industrialisation in China, the contribution of industries to GVA stands at 41% as against 30% in India. In both the countries, India and China, service sector contributes highest share of GVA at 54% and 52% respectively.

*(To be marked as a whole)*

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**31.** State and elaborate whether the following statements are *true* or *false*, with valid arguments:

**(a)** Organic Farming has essentially become the need of the hour.

**(i)** **Ans. True. Organic farming is the system of farming that relies upon the use of organic inputs for cultivation such as animal manures and composts. As organic farming is chemical free in nature which helps in soil conservation. Moreover, organic produce has more nutritional value than chemical farming. Hence, organic farming has essentially become the need of the hour.**

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**(ii)** In the recent past, the Government of India has taken crucial steps, like Jan-Dhan Yojana, for efficient allocation of financial resources.

**Ans. True. The Government of India has implemented schemes like Jan-Dhan Yojana, which has promoted thrift habits and efficient allocation of financial resources. The formal banking system has been benefitted by mobilization of a substantial amount under this yojana.**

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**OR**

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**(b)** Define worker - population ratio and describe its usefulness.

**(i)** **Ans. Worker Population Ratio is defined as the total number of workers in a country divided by population. It is represented in percentage.**

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**Worker Population Ratio is an indicator which is used for analysing the employment situation in the country. This ratio is useful in knowing the proportion of population that is actively contributing to the production of goods and services of a country. Higher the worker population ratio, higher the engagement of people in economic activities and vice versa.**

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**(ii)** State the meaning of 'Disguised Unemployment'.

**Ans. Disguised unemployment refers to a situation when the person seems to be employed but is not contributing to the output i.e., the marginal productivity of labour is zero.**

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**32.** Study the given image carefully:  
Identify the situation depicted in the image and suggest the impact of the indicated situation in the Indian economy.



**Ans.** The given image represents the situation of employment in informal sector. In the formal sector, workers can form trade unions and are entitled to fair wages and other social security measures. Whereas, workers in the informal sector do not get regular income. Also, they do not have any protection or regulation from the government. Many a time, workers may be dismissed without any compensation. Hence, formal sector employees are generally in a better position as compared to informal sector employees. Therefore, it is essential to generate employment in the formal sector rather than the informal sector. (To be marked as a whole)

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**Note:** The following question is for the *Visually Impaired Candidates* only in lieu of Q. No. 32.

“It is necessary to generate employment in the formal sector rather than in the informal sector.” Justify the given statement.

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**33.** (a) “The real motive behind infrastructural development in India was to strengthen the British interests.”

(i) Do you agree with the given statement? Justify your answer with valid arguments.

**Ans.** Yes. Basic infrastructure such as railways, posts and telegraphs developed under the colonial regime. However, the real motive behind this development was not to provide basic amenities to the people of India but to serve various colonial interests. 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. In addition to this, communication tools like telephone and telegraph were introduced to serve the purpose of maintaining law and order.

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(ii) “Navratna policy has facilitated the maintenance, promotion and disinvestment of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).”

Justify the given statement with valid explanation.

**Ans.** In the post-reform period, Government of India devised Navratna Policy for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) with an objective to improve efficiency, infuse professionalism and enable them to compete more effectively in the liberalised global environment. Under this policy, the government partly disinvested some PSUs. However, some PSUs were granted greater managerial and operational autonomy and allowed PSUs to raise resources by themselves from financial markets.

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**OR**

<p><b>(b)</b> “Every coin has two sides - debate over farm subsidies is one such classic example of the same.”</p> <p><b>(i)</b> Justify the given statement with two arguments each in favour of and against the continuation of the farm subsidies.</p> <p><b>Ans. The introduction of farm subsidies had been an opinionated step taken by the Government of India.</b></p> <p><b>Arguments in favour of continuing farm subsidies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eliminating subsidies may increase inequalities of income between rich and poor farmers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Most farmers (small and marginal) may not be able to afford expensive agricultural inputs without subsidies.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Arguments against farm subsidies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It is often argued that farm subsidies have helped the fertilizer industry much more than helping the needy farmers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Economists argue that subsidies are a huge burden on government’s finances.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>(ii)</b> State the importance of “Growth with equity” as the objective of Indian economic planning.</p> <p><b>Ans. For a nation, both growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and equity in distribution of income are equally important. Growth refers to an increase in a country’s capacity to produce goods and services. Equity refers to reductions in inequality of income and wealth.</b></p> <p><b>Growth with equity ensures that the fruits of economic development are enjoyed by all sections of society. Hence, achieving equitable growth is an important objective that was taken into consideration in the Indian economic planning.</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <hr/> <p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>34.</b> Read the following text carefully:</p> <p>In the contemporary world with a lot of sustainable development concerns, green growth, and net zero emissions are two important concepts which are generally discussed together. These two concepts are essential for the future of the Earth, as by working together on them we can create a more sustainable future for ourselves and for the generations to come.</p> <p>Green growth refers to, “the economic growth that is achieved in a way that minimizes environmental impact”, whereas, “net zero emission is the state of achieving balance between anthropogenic emission of greenhouse gases and removal of such emissions from the atmosphere.”</p> <p>There exists a robust connection between the two concepts:</p> <p>(1) Green growth can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which is essential for achieving net zero emissions.</p> <p>(2) Green growth can help to create jobs and boost economic growth, which can help to make it more affordable for countries to invest in net zero emissions technology.</p> <p>A nation can do a lot to promote these two factors together, like:</p> <p>(a) Investing in renewable energy sources which do not produce greenhouse gases.</p> <p>(b) Adopting energy efficient measures, such as insulation and other such appliances which can help to reduce energy consumption.</p> <p>(c) Altering transportation habits, like adopting walking, biking and using public transportation as they are lower-carbon ways to travel.</p> <p>On the basis of the given text and common understanding, answer the following questions:</p> <p><b>(i)</b> State the meaning of green growth and net zero emissions.</p> <p><b>Ans. Green growth refers to the economic growth that is achieved in a way that minimizes environmental impact.</b></p> <p><b>Net zero emission refers to the state of achieving balance between anthropogenic emission of greenhouse gases and removal of such emissions from the atmosphere.</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>

(ii)	<p>Discuss briefly the interconnection between green growth and net zero emissions.</p> <p><b>Ans. There exists a robust connection between green growth and net zero emissions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green growth can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, essential for achieving net zero emissions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Green growth can help to create jobs and boost economic growth, to make it more affordable for countries to invest in net zero emissions technology.</b></li> </ul>	1 ½
	<p><b>Ans. A nation can invest in renewable energy sources which do not produce greenhouse gases.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Any other valid factor to be awarded marks)</b></p>	1
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