

**2017**

**M.A. / M.Sc.**

**4th Semester Examination**

**ECONOMICS**

**PAPER—ECO-401**

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 Hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**Group—A**

1. Answer any *two* questions of the following : 2×2
- (a) Distinguish between MRP and MMRP.
- (b) Distinguish between absolute and relative measures of inequality.

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- (c) Briefly present two approaches to definition of poverty.
- (d) Write down the structure of District Planning Committee in West Bengal.

2. Answer any *one* of following questions : 1×6

- (a) Discuss the rationale for rural development.
- (b) Write down the main features of Ranis-Fei model on transformation of underdeveloped economy.

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

- (a) What is decentralised planning? What are the main activities of it? What are the problems of it?
- (b) Give the basic propositions of Harris—Todaro model. Briefly explain Kausik Basu's approach of formalising the above model.

### Group—B

4. Answer any *two* question from the following : 2×2

- (a) Define with examples the protective and promotional measures of social protection in India.
- (b) What are the trends of condition of employment in informal sector in India?

- (c) Explain briefly the importance of food grains production in ensuring food security.
- (d) What is internal sector? Give examples of rural informal economics activities.

5. Answer any *one* question from the following : 1×6

- (a) Discuss the factors that are responsible for slow progress of rural industrialisation in India.
- (b) Write a short note on Social Protection Floor in rural India.

6. Answer any *one* question from the following : 1×10

- (a) Explain the problems of food security of the poor. Give an assessment of the policy of food subsidy and public distribution system in the Indian context.
  - (b) Discuss the factors that account for the rapid growth of rural non-farm employment in India.
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