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ECONOMICS

( Major )

Paper : 3.6

[ **Regional Economy of the North-East (with  
Special Emphasis on Assam)** ]

( Old Syllabus )

Time : 3 hours

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

*Candidates **eligible** for Internal Assessment shall  
answer from PART—I only ( Marks : 90 )*

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*Candidates **not eligible** for Internal Assessment shall  
answer both from PART—I and PART—II ( Marks : 100 )*

PART—I

( Marks : 90 )

1. Answer the following questions within  
50 words each : 2×5=10

(a) Identify the natural resources available  
in the North-Eastern States of India.

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( Turn Over )

- (b) Define sex ratio. What is the sex ratio of Assam as per 2011 Census? Compare it with the sex ratio of India.
- (c) What is 'regional domestic product'? How does it differ from the 'national domestic product'?
- (d) What is 'shifting cultivation'?
- (e) What do you mean by 'cropping pattern' of a region?

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions within 125 words each : 5×4=20

- (a) Write a note on the occupational distribution of the population of the North-Eastern States.
- (b) Compare the status of the banking sector in Assam with the rest of India.
- (c) Mention the changes in the composition of the State income of Assam over the planning era.
- (d) State the basic features of the industrial policy of Assam.
- (e) Write a note on the role and functions of any *one* of the following :
  - (i) NEDFI
  - (ii) DONER

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions within 350 words each : 15×4=60

- (a) Discuss the demographic features of the North-Eastern States highlighting the changes observed in the 2011 Census.
- (b) Highlight the advancements made in the transport and communication sector in the North-Eastern region in the post-liberalisation era.
- (c) Discuss the nature and extent of the problems of poverty and unemployment in Assam.
- (d) Identify the differences in the agricultural practices in the 'hills' and the 'plains' in Assam. Which of these practices are considered to be more productive and why?
- (e) Critically discuss the factors responsible for slow rate of industrialisation of Assam.
- (f) What are the special measures taken for the development of the North-Eastern region in the post-liberalisation era? Discuss their impact.

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PART—II

( Marks : 10 )

( In lieu of Internal Assessment )

4. Answer the following questions within 50 words each : 2+2=4

(a) Define 'literacy rate'. What are the literacy rates in the North-Eastern States?

(b) Identify the characteristics of shifting cultivation.

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions within 150 words : 6

(a) State the problems and prospects of tea industry in Assam.

(b) What are the emerging areas of future growth of the North-Eastern region? State and justify.

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