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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)*

*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) What is meant by an 'economic region'?

- (b) Name the States of the North-East with the highest and lowest density of population respectively.
- (c) State two most potential emerging growth areas in the North-East India.
- (d) What do you mean by the 'cropping intensity' of a region?
- (e) Name two rural banks operating in the North-East.

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

- (a) Compare the problems of transport in the North-East with the rest of India.
- (b) Write a note on the role of tea industry in the economy of Assam.
- (c) Account for the slow progress in the modernization of agriculture in the North-Eastern States of India.
- (d) Explain briefly the functions of the NEC.
- (e) Outline the positive consequences of increasing literacy rate in the North-East.

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions within 350 words each : 15×4=60
- (a) Discuss the salient demographic features of Assam with reference to the 2011 Census. 15
- (b) Examine the factors responsible for the slow rate of industrialization in Assam. 15
- (c) Explain the nature and extent of poverty in the North-East. What solutions do you suggest to address the problem? 10+5=15
- (d) Explore the potential of tourism industry in the North-East in the context of a globalizing world. 15
- (e) What are the problems faced by the handloom and handicraft sectors in the North-East? How can these problems be solved? 8+7=15
- (f) Discuss the factors behind slow growth of agricultural productivity in Assam. 15

PART—II

(Marks : 10)

(In lieu of Internal Assessment)

4. Answer the following questions within 50 words each : 2+2=4
- (a) What is 'jhum cultivation'?
- (b) Distinguish between 'regional domestic product' and 'national domestic product'.

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

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- (a) Write a note on water transport in Assam.
- (b) State the problems associated with shifting cultivation.
