

2015

ECONOMICS

(Major)

Paper : 6.3

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Identify the nonrenewable resource from the following :

Forests; Fish stock; Petroleum

(b) In the following equation, what does uc stand for?

$$p = mc + uc$$

(c) What is sustainable development?

(d) What is opportunity cost?

(e) Free access resources and common property resources are synonymous concepts.

(Write True or False)

- (f) What is maximum sustainable yield?
- (g) What do you understand by 'green accounting'?

2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What are speculative resources?
- (b) Define augmented marginal cost.
- (c) Distinguish between biotic resources and abiotic resources.
- (d) Distinguish between production cost and extraction cost.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Distinguish between renewable resources and nonrenewable resources.
- (b) Briefly state the concept of sustainable yield of renewable resources.
- (c) What are backstop resources?
- (d) Distinguish between current resources and potential resources.
- (e) What are the indicators of sustainable development?

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

10×3=30

- (a) What are different types of natural resource? Describe their characteristics.
- (b) Explain the conditions of optimal depletion of exhaustible resources in a competitive market.
- (c) What is user cost? If user cost increases, what happens to the level of harvest? Explain.
- (d) Explain the role of a backstop resource in price fixation of a nonrenewable resource.
- (e) What is sustainable accounting? How is it related to integrated, environmental and economic accounting?
- (f) What is integrated, environmental and economic accounting? How does it differ from the conventional system of national accounting?

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