



INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING

Gauhati University

HOME ASSIGNMENT

M. A. /M. Sc. Economics

(3rd Semester)

Session: 2011-2012

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Write your name, session, roll number, the topic selected and the title of the answer *clearly on the top*.
2. Each of the two topics given in each paper will be answered as **two essays** of not more than 500 words each. There will be negative marking for writing in excess of the word-limit.
3. Each answer (essay) carries a weightage of **20 marks**.
4. Keep a margin of about 1 inch on each side of the page.
5. You can submit the essay written in your own hand-writing on clean, foolscap sheets, or A-4 sized paper.
6. In case you prefer to submit type-written answers, make sure that there are no typing errors which will deduct from the overall impression.
7. Do not submit commercially purchased answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Please submit your assignment by **31st October, 2012**.

Paper IX: Development Economics –I

1. Discuss the different measures of development gap including new concept of HDI. 20

or

2. Explain, with examples, Rostow's stages of growth theory. 20

Paper X: International Economics

1. Give an idea of Economic union that exists in Asian countries. 20

or

2. Explain the theory of direct investment. Discuss merits and demerits of direct investment in terms of host and investing countries. 10+10=20

Paper XI: Issues in Indian Economy

1. Discuss the various policies undertaken by Govt. of India after 1991 to eradicate poverty. 20

or

2. Analyze the performance of Indian Agriculture sector in post reform period. 20

Paper XII: Public Finance –I

1. What is public goods? What are measures can be taken to tackle market failure in case of public goods? 4+16=20

or

2. Discuss the cost-benefit analysis as a tool of evaluation of public expenditure. 20

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