

- 3) Discuss rural unemployment problem of Assam. Show how the high level of unemployment and underemployment in rural areas affect poverty and unequal distribution of income in the state.
- 4) Discuss the extent and nature of flood and erosion problems of Assam. Suggest some remedial measures.
- 5) Define agricultural labourers. What are the major problems faced by the agricultural labourers of Assam? Suggest some policy measures to improve the economic conditions of the agricultural labourers of Assam.

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

1. **Answer the following/ Choose the correct answer:** 1x8=8
- (a) According to 2011 Census, the district having maximum population in Assam is
- (i) Kamrup
  - (ii) Goalpara
  - (iii) Nagaon
  - (iv) Dibrugarh
- (b) Which district in Assam has the lowest density of population according to 2011 Census?
- (c) The irrigation coverage as percentage of gross cropped area in Assam is
- (i) 4%
  - (ii) 6%
  - (iii) 8%
  - (iv) 10%
- (d) State the investment limit of micro-manufacturing unit as per the MSMED Act, 2006
- (e) The Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) was constituted in the year
- (i) 1951
  - (ii) 1958
  - (iii) 1967
  - (iv) 1970
- (f) Name one boarder trade point of North-East India.

- (g) Give the full form of (i) NRHM, and (ii) RUSA  
(h) When was the Brahmaputra Board constituted?

2. Write short notes on any four of the following (within 150 words each) 4x4=16

- (a) Mineral resources of Assam and their industrial potentiality  
(b) Horticulture in Assam  
(c) Prospect of tourism in Assam  
(d) Problems and prospects of water transport in Assam  
(e) Problems of agricultural labourers of Assam  
(f) Handloom and handicraft industry of Assam

Answer the following questions (within 500 words each):

3. (a) Discuss the economic characteristics of Assam. 12

Or

(b) Describe the trend of urban population of Assam since 1951. Explain the factors responsible for higher rate of growth of urban population in the State. 6+6=12

4. (a) Analyze the factors that determine the cropping pattern. Have you noticed any change of cropping pattern in Assam? Justify your answer. 5+6=11

Or

(b) What do you mean by food security? Critically examine the public distribution system of Assam in this context 4+7=11

5. (a) Examine various causes for industrial backwardness in Assam. What are the measures adopted by the government in removing them? 7+4=11

Or

(b) Examine the role of tea industry in the economy of Assam. What are the major problems faced by the tea industry in the recent years? Suggest some measures to remove them. 3+5+3=11

6. (a) Distinguish between economic infrastructure. How is Assam placed in respect of infrastructural facilities? 2+9=11

Or

(b) Explain the role of the North-Eastern Council in the process of economic development of North-East India. 11

7. (a) What are the major causes of widespread unemployment in Assam? How can this problem be tackled? 5+6=11

Or

(b) Analyze the problem of immigration and its impact on the economy of Assam. 5+6=11

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